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U.S. COURT BARS DON FROM RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT IN COLORADO STATE
Trump said he will appeal to the US Supreme Court to overturn the decision, setting up a court battle that could reshape the 2024 race

RULING DOESN'T APPLY OUTSIDE COLORADO
In its order, the Colorado Supreme Court cited Trump's role in the 2021 US Capitol attack. The disqualification was based on the 14th Amendment, which bans those engaging in insurrection from holding office. The ruling doesn't apply outside Colorado. But if courts in more states followed suit, then Trump's 2024 White House bid could face serious problems | P12

NIKKI HALEY, VIVEK RAMASWAMY FLAY ORDER
■ Republican candidate Nikki Haley said it's the voters, not judges, who should decide the fate of candidates. Another GOP candidate Vivek Ramaswamy said he would withdraw from the Colorado ballot until Trump is reinstated
■ Trump has consistently denied any role in the January 6, 2021 US Capitol riot and termed the 14th Amendment lawsuits an abuse of the legal process

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U.S. COURTS HAVE SO FAR DISMISSED LAWSUITS CITING THE 14TH AMENDMENT



Union Home Minister Amit Shah replying to the debate in the Lok Sabha | P1

CRIMINAL LAW BILLS OKAYED IN LOK SABHA

Amid suspension of 97 members of the Lower House, including two on Wednesday...

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed the three bills to overhaul the country's criminal justice system by voice vote even as 97 Opposition MPs remained suspended from the Lower House following protests over security breach in Parliament on December 13. Two more Opposition members were suspended from the Lok Sabha earlier in the day, taking their total to an unprecedented 143.

While the Bharatiya Nyaya (Second) Sanhita 2023 will replace the IPC, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha (Second) Sanhita is in place of the CrPC. The Bharatiya Sakshya (Second) Bill replaces the Indian Evidence Act.

Union home minister Amit Shah said they were drafted after comprehensive consultations, adding he had gone through every comma and full stop of the draft legislation before bringing them before the House for approval.

Highlighting the key features of the bills, Shah said that the proposed laws would punish mob lynching with capital punishment. "P Chidambaram kept asking me what about the mob lynchings? He does not understand the BJP and our mentality. Why did you not penalise mob lynching during your rule? If one's mind is Indian, you will understand the laws. If it is Italian, you won't," Shah said while replying to the debate on the bills.

Stressing that the three laws were based on justice, trans-

parency, and fairness, Shah said sedition laws had been overhauled and would be applied only when the country is targeted. "The three proposed laws also have a clear definition of terrorism, drop sedition as a crime, and introduce a new section titled 'offences against the state'. Any act against the sovereignty, unity and integrity of the nation will be punishable," Shah said.

In the new definition of terrorism, counterfeit currency trade and causing the death of public functionaries are defined as acts of terrorism.

Among the key changes to the IPC are making gang-rap punishable with 20 years in prison or life imprisonment.

The new bills also award death penalty for rape of a minor and two-year jail sentence for revealing the identity of victims of sexual assault.

Besides, harming a woman's mental health will be defined as cruelty. "The three new bills seek to establish a justice system based on Indian thinking... Three proposed criminal laws will free people from the colonial mindset and its symbols," he said.

In other key changes, Shah said community service has been added as a new form of punishment. Also, undertrials who are first-time offenders can be bailed out after one-third of the jail sentence and half the time of the sentence. Besides, the new bills have a provision of trial in absentia for fugitives taking refuge abroad for terror acts and other offences in India.

DEATHS DUE TO MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE SET TO BE CRIMINALISED, SAYS AMIT SHAH

"Currently, if there is a death due to negligence of a doctor, it is also treated as criminal negligence, almost akin to murder. Therefore, I will bring an official amendment to free the doctors from this criminal negligence," Shah said while replying to the debate. The announcement was hailed by the medicos and the various medical associations, especially the Indian Medical Association | P9

Five guarantee schemes, rising gold prices dent mass marriage scheme

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

THE State Government is finding it difficult to implement its Mangalya Bhagya scheme (mass marriage), where mass marriages are held for brides and grooms from poor families. The reasons for this are diversion of funds for the government's five guarantee schemes and increasing gold prices.

The scheme was announced when BS Yediyurappa was CM in 2020. It was then called "Saptha-padi". But his government could not implement it that year due to the pandemic. The scheme, under the Endowments Ministry, was launched in 2021. Under this scheme, a bridegroom will be giv-



en a shirt and a dhoti and Rs 5,000, while the bride will get a silk saree, Rs 1,000 and an 8-gm gold mangalsutra. After the Congress came to power, it renamed the scheme as Mangalya Bhagya. The government needs around Rs 60,000 crore per annum to implement its five guarantees. The gold price was Rs 62,800 per 10 gm on Wednesday and this will add to the financial burden of the government. Mass marriages un-

der the scheme were held from 2022 to March 2023. No mass marriages have been held after the Congress assumed power.

Sources said the Endowment Department had finalised some auspicious dates for mass marriages in November and December and January next. "We have some auspicious dates post Sankranti," the sources said.

An official said that mass marriages under the scheme need huge funds as a large number of beneficiaries take part in them. Hence, the government is not forthcoming. Although Endowment Minister Ramalinga Reddy said the government will implement the scheme, he did not say from when.

Karnataka second in active Covid-19 cases, decides to ramp up daily tests

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA stands second in the country, next to Kerala, in terms of total active Covid-19 cases as on December 20, according to data revealed at a review meeting held by the Union Health Ministry on public health preparedness.

As on December 20, 2,305 active cases were registered across the country. Kerala recorded 2,041 cases while Karnat-

taka had 79. However, a small relief is that these cases are mild.

Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, who attended the virtual meeting of health ministers from all states and union territories chaired by Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, said Karnataka leads the country in the number of tests conducted per day.

The state is conducting more than 1,000 tests a day and by

Saturday, it will touch 5,000.

The Union Health Minister emphasised the need for proactive preparations to tackle the rising Covid-19 cases in the country.

He further stressed the need to ensure sufficient supply of oxygen, medicines and improved storage facilities. He also called for setting up more ICUs and beds in hospitals. Karnataka has taken steps to put these measures in place, Gundu Rao elaborated. P3



People wearing masks in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

3 Covid-19 deaths in Bengaluru since Dec 15

Three people, including a 44-year-old asymptomatic man, who had tested positive for Covid-19 have died since December 15 in Bengaluru. It was found that all three were suffering from comorbidities

I.N.D.I.A meet goes South as Nitish snaps at DMK neta

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE INDIA alliance meeting witnessed some tense moments on Tuesday after Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched a tirade against DMK leader T R Baalu, who requested an English translation of the former's Hindi speech.

An Opposition leader said Baalu sought RJD leader Manoj Jha's help for translation as he was unable to understand Nitish's speech. When Jha, who was seated next to the Bihar CM, sought permission to translate, the JD(U) leader snapped: "We call our country Hindustan and Hindi is our national language. We should learn the language."

The other leaders intervened to de-escalate the situation as Nitish was visibly agitated. "Otherwise, the situation would have gone out of control," said a leader, adding that Manoj Jha had translated speeches for DMK leaders in the previous INDIA bloc meetings. However, the issue was not discussed further after the meeting.

Baalu attended the meet along with Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin.

Sources said Nitish's speech was in the beginning of the meeting and the heated exchange happened much before TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee and Aam Aadmi Party leader Arvind Kejriwal proposed Mallikarjun Kharge as the PM face of the alliance in the 2024 elections. "He (Nitish) looked unsettled from the beginning of the meeting," said a leader.



T R Baalu

DKS draws flak for seeking Central grant for B'luru tunnel road project

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has drawn flak for seeking funds for his ambitious Rs 30,000-crore 60-km tunnel road in Bengaluru even before getting approval for it.

Many in the government have taken exception to his move of taking it up with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

In a letter to Nirmala Sitharaman, Shivakumar stated that Bengaluru has become one



Deputy CM DK Shivakumar greets Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi on Wednesday | EXPRESS

of the most congested cities in the world. This tunnel project will help ease traffic in the city.

The project will also help create an East-West and North-South corridor within the city and connect major arterial roads.

Shivakumar stated that the project has been estimated at Rs 30,000 crore. The project can be implemented jointly by the State government and the National Highways Authority of India as it connects some national highways. He urged the union finance minister to earmark funds in the budget for the project. P4

On Pannun, PM says India committed to rule of law

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

IN his first comments on the US indictment of an Indian in the alleged plot to kill a Khalistani radical on American soil, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said his government was ready to look into any evidence on the conspiracy, adding a few incidents will not derail Indo-

US ties. The US Justice Department had on November 29 claimed that Indian national Nikhil Gupta was part of a murder-for-hire plot to bump off Gurupatwant Singh Pannun, who holds dual US and Canadian citizenship. Gupta, it further alleged, was handled by an unnamed officer in New Delhi. India has since set up a

high-level committee to look into the allegations.

"If someone gives us any information, we would definitely look into it," Modi said in an interview to British daily *Financial Times*, which broke the story on the indictment. "If a citizen of ours has done anything good or bad, we are ready to look into it. Our commitment

is to the rule of law," he said.

Modi went on to share his deep concern over the activities of extremist groups based overseas, like Pannun's Sikhs for Justice, which is banned in India. "These elements, under the guise of freedom of expression, have engaged in intimidation and incited violence," he said.

Let officials sort out dues to Bengal, Modi tells Didi

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

WEST Bengal CM and Trinamool supremo Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with a delegation of party MPs to demand the release of ₹1.15 lakh crore that the Centre owes the state on account of various central schemes and claims for natural disasters over the past years. "The outstanding dues include the core of core of social schemes like MGNREGS, PMAY, PMGSY and NHM," the Bengal CM told PM Modi.

Mamata met Modi along with TMC MPs. Kalyan Banerjee, who courted controversy by mimicking Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, was removed from the delegation at the instance of the PMO.

During the meeting, the Bengal CM told the PM that despite performing well in all areas, her state is yet to get its due share of Central resources. Modi proposed that officials of the state and the Centre sit together and sort out things.

Later, speaking to reporters, Mamata said that 155 central teams have already visited West Bengal and the state government has given clarification on all the issues raised by them. "We have given clarification 155 times. We can do that once again. In a federal structure, the Central government has a share and the state also has a share," she said.

On MGNREGA funds, she said it is mandatory to pay the workers. "We didn't get a penny for 100 days of work in the Budget for FY23."

Two minor boys rape 12-yr-old schoolmate in Kalaburagi district

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kalaburagi

A case of two minor boys allegedly raping their schoolmate has been reported from Kalagi in Kalaburagi district. According to police sources, the boys aged 15 and 16 and studying in classes 9 and 10, respectively, raped the 12-year-old girl studying in class 6 on December 10.

It is said that the boys, who raped the girl after threatening her, also recorded the incident on their cell phones. The police sources said although the incident happened on December 10, an FIR was registered only on December 18 as the girl's parents were working as daily wagers in Mumbai. The girl went to school from their relatives' house. The boys have been sent to a remand home.

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BDA will finalise betterment tax for Dr Shivaram Karanth Layout soon | EXPRESS

Property owners avoid paying betterment tax

BDA eyes Rs 750 cr tax from Karanth Layout

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) is in the process of fixing the betterment tax to be levied for its new layouts — the Dr Shivaram Karanth Layout and the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout. However, it has come to light that the authority has fared dismally in collection of this one-time tax from house or site owners.

The tax is levied on properties in the vicinity of any BDA layout or portions inside its layout which has not been acquired for formation of the layout. It is aimed at offering some form of revenue for the BDA as the value of all properties shoots up due to infrastructure like roads, drainage, drinking water supply and parks created by the BDA for the layout.

BDA has levied the betterment tax on 21 out of its 64 layouts since April 2011, a senior official said. "The authority should have got anywhere between Rs 500 crore and Rs 600 crore so far through this tax. The realisation of revenue by this mode has been extremely poor as only between 2 per cent and 3 per cent of owners have paid," he said. BDA is permitted to levy interest on the amount when owners finally pay under the BDA Act, the official added.

Undeterred by the poor track record, the authority is working on fixing the betterment tax for NPKL formed in 2016

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BSK Vith Stage Further Extension	₹99*
BSK Vith Stage	₹14
Arkavathy	₹59
HBR 1st Stage	₹9
HBR 11nd Stage	₹35
HBR 3rd Stage	₹13
JP Nagar 8th Phase	₹3
HSR Layout	₹6
BTM IVth Stg	₹240
BTM VI Stage	₹2

and Karanth Layout readied in 2023. "We aim to realise around Rs 750 cr from the Dr Shivaram Karanth Layout. The rates to be fixed are being worked out," said another official.

There is a specific complication in connection with these two layouts as this tax is fixed by the government as one-third of the difference in the property cost as specified by the sub-registrar office after the development of the layout versus the previous rate in the area, a source said. "In these two layouts, a differential pricing is being adopted for the sale of the sites within the layout itself which is dependent on the dimensions of the sites. It used to be a uniform rate across sites in the BDA layouts in the past," he explained.



The Rail Wheel Factory, Yelahanka, has bagged the Best Production Unit Award for 2023. R Rajagopal, General Manager, received the award from Ashwini Vaishnav, Union Minister of Railways, Communications and Electronics and Information Technology, during the Ati Vishist Rail Seva Puraskar, an event held in New Delhi recently

CITY FOOTPATHS A THREAT FOR AGED, KIDS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FOOTPATHS in Bengaluru are not safe for pedestrians, especially children and senior citizens, showed a recent study conducted by Action Aid Association (India), an association working for social and ecological justice. The study titled 'On foot: A study on safety and risk assessment of child pedestrians' conducted from Vinobha Nagar to Karnataka Public School, VV Puram, from August to November, 2023, showed that children walking to school were not safe.

Two routes for children going to school were marked from Vinobha Nagar to JC Main Road and along JC Road till Minerva Circle. The study noted there were nine construction debris sites, 12 locations where vehicles were parked on footpaths, six foot-

path encroachment locations because of commercial establishments, nine locations of litter accumulations, 14 locations where there is lack of features on footpaths, five locations of inaccessible footpaths, four locations where Bescom junction boxes were placed and six locations without zebra crossings.

As part of the study, the researchers not just photographed and documented the ground situation, but also spoke to children and people staying around, who walk to school or to their places of work. The study noted that children usually in groups, along with their siblings, walk a minimum of distance of 700-900 metres with their school bags.

Vishwa, a Class 9 student of Karnataka Public School, said: "On the way to school, there are several problems. There is a lot of waste including glass



Navigating through a maze of furnishings on a footpath challenges even the most patient pedestrian at Central street, Shivajinagar | ALLEN EGENUSE J

litter and low hanging wires on the footpath, which force me walk on the road. Vehicles move too fast and I'm scared."

Sathiya, a parent, who works as a housekeeping staffer, said

she has four children who walk to school. She recollected that one day, while walking on the uneven footpath, one of her child tripped on the cables and lost two teeth.

Raghavendra B Pachhapur, Senior Leader Projects, Action Aid, said this location was chosen for the study because of the many complaints they had received. "It however reflects the city as a whole. Most places have no footpaths and in places where there is a footpath, it is in a very bad condition. Unfortunately, for the government and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the city is limited to MG Road or Residency Road. Pedestrian sustainable mobility is a concern in the city, especially regarding children safety. The government should understand the gravity of the issue," he said.

Action Aid on Wednesday submitted the report to the BBMP Chief Commissioner's office. Pachhapur said it will also be submitted to Bescom, DULT, traffic police and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar.



Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy inspects the KSRTC Printing Press at Shantinagar in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

KSRTC services all set to improve with upgraded facilities

Bengaluru: Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Wednesday inaugurated the upgraded KST printing press and sports complex as well as flagged off 15 new jeeps to improve operational efficiency, line checking and accident response across the 83 depots associated with the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) on Wednesday. The sports complex in Shantinagar received a Rs 69.7-lakh upgrade, focused on staff well-being by introducing improvements including wooden floors, concrete flooring, front portion development and roof repairs. The longstanding KST printing press, operational since 1952, underwent a Rs 39.83-lakh upgrade with enhanced infrastructure, including flooring and a new skylight and refurbishment of the store building, solidifying its role in printing tickets, Electronic Ticketing Machine (ETM) rolls and stationery items. ENS

Palike clears footpath encroachment

Officials of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Mahadevapura zone took up a footpath encroachment clearance drive at Vignana Nagar Ward on Wednesday and removed unauthorised shops and stalls on Vignana Nagar Main Road and surrounding areas. The BBMP also warned the Reliance Trend showroom staff at Basavanagar to clear eateries from their parking area. ENS

12 water adalats to be held in city today

The Water Supply Board will conduct 12 water adalats from 9.30 am to 11 am on Thursday. These will be held at sub-divisions: North West-2 (080-2836 0030), North West-4 (99642 16530), Central-1-2 (98454 44053), North East-2 (080-2294 5135), North-1-2 (080-2294 5139), North-2-2 (86183 66506), South-1-2 (080-4097 7432), South-2-2 (98454 44090), South West-2 (98454 44085), South West-5 (2294 5198), East-1-3 (95355 44974) and East-2-3 (99452 33444). ENS

KIA bags best domestic airport title by Travel + Leisure India

The Kempegowda International Airport has bagged the title of the 'Best Domestic Airport' at the 12th edition of the Travel + Leisure India's Best Awards 2023. The award was conferred during a recent ceremony in New Delhi. An official release said the Travel + Leisure India awards, recognised across India and South Asia, are an acknowledgment of excellence in travel, hospitality and lifestyle. "The annual reader's choice award celebrates the finest establishments in the hospitality industry," it added. Hari Marar, MD & CEO of BIAL, said, "We are honoured to be recognised nationally as the best domestic airport in the country." The voting process for the Travel + Leisure India's Best Awards this year extended over three months, culminating in a record-breaking 523,270-plus votes, the release added. ENS



Students try out millet dishes in Bengaluru on Wednesday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

Min calls for campaign to promote millets

Envisioning organic food as staple diet for people in future and stressing on the need for a vigorous campaign, Agriculture Minister N Cheluvarayasu urged for promoting millets as food among students. Speaking after inaugurating a 'Let's eat millet' campaign on Wednesday, he emphasised the global challenges stemming from food habits and lifestyle, and asserted that shaping the dietary choices is crucial to prevent a range of health problems. He said organic food, especially millet, not only provides strength, but also ensures long-term stability. ENS

BMTC increases trips on five routes

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has increased the number of trips on five existing routes. On route 168D (Kempegowda bus station-KBS to Tavarekere), two extra buses and 27 additional trips have been included. Similarly, two buses and 14 extra trips have been added for the 25B route (KBS to Anugraha Layout). On route 328K (KBS to Madhuranagara), an extra bus and six additional trips have been introduced. Also, an extra bus and six extra trips have been included for the 346N route (KBS to Doddathoguru). Likewise, an extra bus and seven supplementary trips have been added on route 145E (KBS to Neelsandra Rose Garden). ENS

58% buses have announcement system: BMTC

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THE Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) on Wednesday informed the Karnataka High Court that 58 per cent of its buses have an audio announcement system for the benefit of visually impaired people. However, 2,562 buses do not have this system, the civic body said.

The statement was made before a division bench of Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale and Justice Krishna S Dixit during the hearing of a public interest litigation filed by visually challenged advocate N Shreyas, seeking directions to provide audio-announcement systems in buses so that visually impaired persons know their bus stops and destination points in advance.

The BMTC further stated that out of 2,562 buses, 1,141 buses will be scrapped in a phase-wise manner. The scrapped buses will be replaced by new 921 electric buses by December 24. It is also taking steps to issue tender notification in 2024. The court permitted the BMTC to complete further exercises to procure and install the system in buses till April 15, 2024.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL RTOS

The Transport Commissioner issued a notification instructing all the Deputy Commissioners for Transport, RTOs and Assistant Regional Transport Officers to ensure that a facility is provided to physically challenged persons for boarding and deboarding along at the time of registration of vehicles and renewal of fitness certificates, and ensure compulsory fitting of such measures in all stage carriage vehicles within June 30, 2024.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

Z1ST December : Mercury has now changed its position and many astrologers I know will be moaning about missed appointments. I see it very differently. I think that the coming period will be fantastic for everyone who wants a second shot at an opportunity which was seriously fluffed first time round.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The stars are in a generally independent mood. There is no point in hoping that business associates will help you get your own way. And even if they do offer, you would be right to be a little sceptical, for this is one of those times when you should trust only yourself.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Pluto has once again been making waves, so it follows that what proves traumatic for other people, may be highly profitable and satisfactory for you. An opening at work will prove hugely tempting, but you should pause for careful thought before you act.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Today's planetary pattern is reasonably relaxed, so you may have an easier ride than usual. As long as you take other people's hopes and wishes into account, you may meet challenges head-on, hopefully demonstrating your new-found wisdom and maturity.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Personal affairs take priority now, and planetary activity affecting your sign over the next week signifies a change in your approach to a particular relationship. Much now depends on your willingness to compromise for, believe it or not, others have much to teach you!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

You might hope that your orders will be obeyed, but children and younger relations will expect you to meet them halfway. You'd better consider your position carefully, if only because the last thing you want right now is a falling-out over matters which you'd thought were signed and sealed.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Your main concern at work will be to be paid what you're worth. To turn to social affairs though, it looks as if gatherings that take place over the next fortnight will be all the more enjoyable if they are out of the ordinary. Take this into account when making your plans and you won't be sorry!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

You've been giving some extra attention to the future. If you don't talk about your proposals now, you may have to wait for another month. It's especially important to consider the next step at home, and make sure that partners both understand and agree with your wishes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Your long-term stars are profoundly unsettling - in apologetic sense - while today's planets can be somewhat extravagant. It therefore stands to reason that the best way to forget your troubles may be to go all out and splash some funds on a well-deserved treat or two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

The Moon, a friendly factor, indicating that what is now truly important is that you permit yourself to release your feelings. Everything that has been held in bottled up and generally ignored, should now be brought into the light of day. That's probably the best way to defuse major emotional tensions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

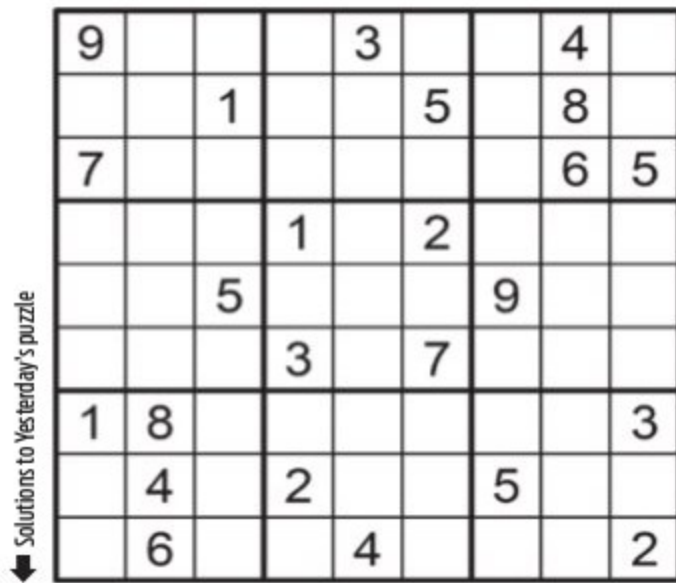
Fears that someone's out to get you may owe more to your vivid imagination than to any real threat. In any case, you've been doing well enough lately to realise that you can stand on your own two feet regardless of what other people say or do. That knowledge should be enough to lift your confidence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You were born to be a free thinker and one of your great gifts is to devise original solutions to ancient questions. It may therefore be galling if people are pinching your ideas. Be patient and work out how to make sure you receive the proper respect next time round.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

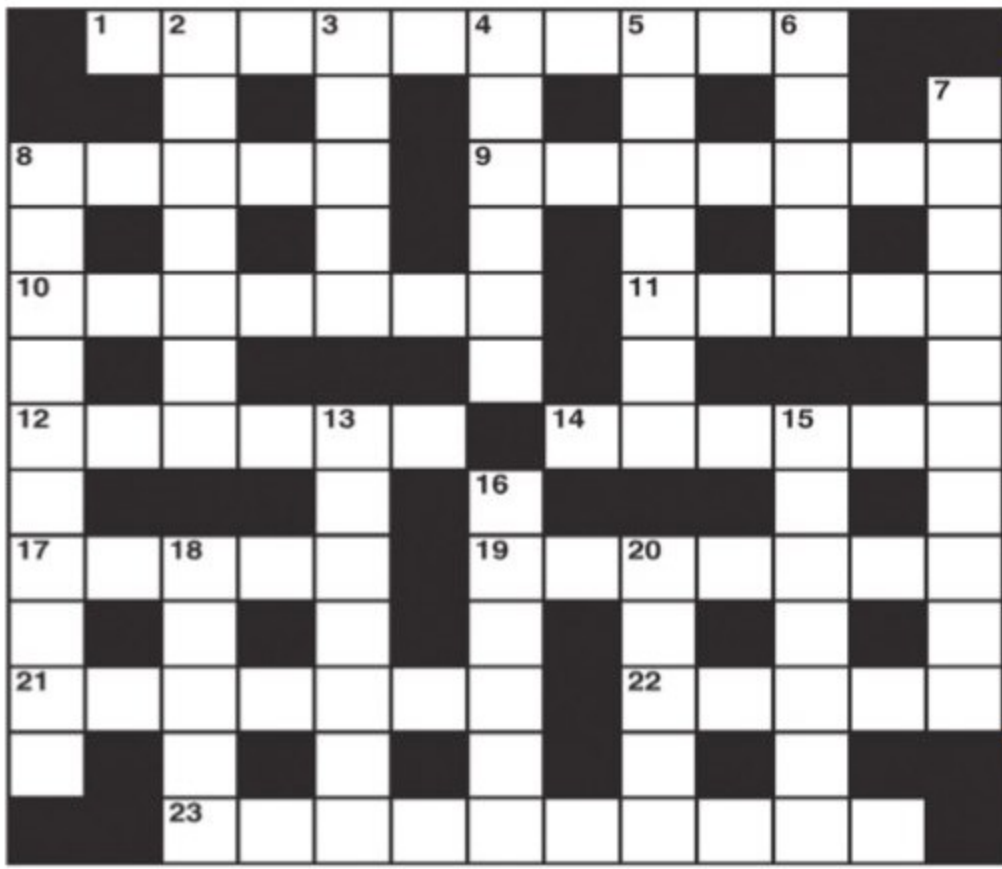
You appear to be making mountains out of molehills, especially where money is concerned. You are generous to a fault, but the moment you begin to feel that you are being exploited, then resentment may take over. This is precisely why you should exercise a little common sense.



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CROSS WORD

ACROSS

- A striking end to the game (5,5)
- One with no faith in father backing a horse (5)
- Warm garment for one working in the heat (7)
- It sinks beneath the waves (7)
- Pacific isles have got an unusual constitution (5)
- Loosed out great quantities (6)
- Exclude the king that is a dramatist (6)
- Look around a ship of the line (5)
- Settle how a monk may live (7)
- Management involved in a row (7)
- It amounts to being perfect (5)
- Urge to travel as dawn breaks with unusual lustre (10)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Sorbet, 4 Intact, 9 Nuclear, 10 Tides, 11 Radi, 12 Besiege, 13 Materialist, 18 Mailbag, 20 Avert, 22 Innes, 23 Allego, 24 Elders, 25 Storms.

DOWN

- Enraged by exchange of letters (7)
- Thrash about the ring showing little craft (5)
- Hand over the father's offspring (4,2)
- I earn it strangely in doing absolutely nothing (7)
- Superman but said to get taut under pressure (5)
- Pretty useless? (10)
- Hardly a classic description of simple gas rings (10)
- Possibly omit onesort of transport (7)
- Discounts are best form of sales promotion (7)
- One who is unattached being particular (6)
- Wines blended for strength (5)
- Someone who telephone for accommodation (5)

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



Yesterday's

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)
Jumbles: SUITE SHINY PUBLIC LAGOON
Answer: ACorns are oak tree seeds. That's the explanation — IN A NUTSHELL.

3 Covid-19 deaths in B'luru since December 15

Those who died suffered from comorbidities; in case of death only immediate kin of deceased to be tested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THREE people, including a 44-year-old man, who had tested positive for Covid-19, have died since December 15 in Bengaluru. It was found that all three were suffering from comorbidities.

The first death was of a 64-year-old man, a resident of Chamarajpet who had heart failure, TB, asthma and multiple comorbidities and died at a private hospital on December 15. The second death was of a 44-year-old male, who was asymptomatic and was admitted to a government hospital, was suffering from ischemic heart disease. State health department's Covid-19 bulletin claimed that the man who was admitted on November 23 died of multiple organ dysfunction syndrome on December 16. The third death was of a 76-year-old man, who had Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) and had been hospitalised in a private hospital from September 12. The patient showed symptoms of breathlessness and died on December 17, the health bulletin read, adding that the second and third patients were vaccinated.

On the death of the first patient, Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said that the senior citizen had multiple comorbidities and said it was yet



Wear masks while you commute: Ramalinga

Bengaluru: Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy advised people travelling in buses to wear masks as a precautionary measure to wear masks. He directed the bus corporation officials to ensure that the drivers and conductors wear masks and sanitise the buses regularly.

Tumakuru woman tests Covid-positive

Tumakuru: A 66-year-old woman patient tested positive for Covid-19 at Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology in Bengaluru. Sources said that she is a resident of Hanumanthapura and her family members have also been subjected to the RTPCR tests. District Health Officer MR Manjunath told TNIE that the case came to light when she was admitted for a heart ailment. RTPCR tests will commence in a couple of days in Tumakuru.

to be ascertained if the patient was infected with the new variant JN.1. "All those who have died, including the ones from Kerala were suffering from comorbid conditions," Rao said. Health Commissioner Randeep told TNIE that only the immediate family members of the

deceased persons who are symptomatic will be tested for Covid-19.

Meanwhile, the health minister said that directives will be issued to make masks mandatory for all the health care workers in both government and private hospitals.

Gundu Rao said that he highlighted the financial burden on the states due to maintenance of ventilators received under the PM Cares scheme and sought funds for the same.

On whether there will be restrictions in areas of Kerala and Tamil Nadu borders, Gundu Rao said, "I too raised this query with the Union Health Minister. The Minister did not favour any

Total positive cases reported on Dec 20	20
Total active cases	92 (7 in ICU, 13 in general bed, 72 in-home isolation)
Total tests done	808
Positivity rate	2.47%

17 cases reported, BBMP to conduct 1,500 tests per day

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

WITH 17 Covid fresh cases on Wednesday, the total number of Coronavirus cases reported within BBMP limits has gone up to 59 since December 1. BBMP health department officials assured people that there is nothing to worry and 1,500 people will be tested every day, based on state government directions.

Chief Health Officer Dr AS Balasundar said all the 17 positive cases were from private hospitals. Two patients, who have comorbidities, are in ICU. He said there is nothing to worry as the infection is not fatal. "Senior citizens and people with compromised immunity should take care as per the state health department's advisory. The Palike is yet to confirm genomic sequencing of 17 new cases which is done based on Cycle Threshold level scan." Genomic sequencing is done only if the CT value is 25 and below, he added.

The Palike reported two suspected Covid deaths in the first week of December. Palike health officials said that except for two patients in ICU, all patients have shown signs of improvement.

restrictions. We will monitor the border areas and test only those who are symptomatic. All patients with Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) and Influenza Like Illness (ILI) at government and private hospitals must mandatorily take Covid-19 tests," he said.

He said steps have been taken to procure RTPCR and VTM (viral transport medium) test-

5 checkpoints set up on Kerala border

Mangaluru: DAKSHINA Kannada district established five checkpoints on the Karnataka-Kerala border areas to monitor and spread awareness about Covid-19 sub-variant JN1 cases being reported in Kerala. DHO Dr HR Thimmaiah said five check posts have been set up. No restrictions have been imposed and awareness is being spread through mic announcements by asking people suffering from influenza-like illness and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection to undergo tests.

BBMP Special Commissioner, Health, Babu Shankar Reddy said the Palike held a preparatory meeting with all senior health officials. "The BBMP assures people that it is ready to handle emergencies as it has 144 primary health centres, 242 Namma Clinics, 450 lab technicians, 350 doctors and 2,000 oxygen concentrators to help patients with breathing difficulties. There is no shortage of doctors."

Woman throws baby into dam over affair

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AKKUR police on Wednesday arrested a 21-year-old woman, who killed her 15-month-old baby boy by throwing him into the Kanva reservoir in Ramanagara district on Tuesday.

The accused has been identified as Bhagyamma of Banagahalli in Channarayana taluk.

After separating from her husband, Bhagyamma returned to her mother's house along with her son Devaraj some time ago. She then started having an affair with a man. She used to meet him leaving her son with her mother, who took objection to this, the police said.

Assuming that her son was an obstacle to her illicit relationship, Bhagyamma took

Devaraj to the reservoir on the pretext of washing clothes on Tuesday night and threw him into it. While returning home, she started screaming for help saying that her son had fallen into the reservoir.

The villagers, who rushed to the reservoir, made a futile attempt to trace the baby. The body was found floating in the reservoir on Wednesday morning.

During interrogation, Bhagyamma confessed to killing her son. Her mother, who was aware of her illicit relationship, used to quarrel with her frequently. Her paramour used to tell her to get rid of her son if she wanted to be with him. Hence, she killed her son, a police officer said.

Akkur police have registered a case. Further investigations are on.



Eight fake policemen who robbed businessman of Rs 1 cr arrested

Bengaluru: A gang of eight fake policemen who looted the residence of a businessman at HMT Layout have been arrested by the Peenya police. The accused had entered the house of Manohar at around 7.30 pm on December 4. Manohar, who owns a poly film firm, was not at home at the time of the incident. They attacked the son of the businessman and escaped with Rs 60 lakh cash, 700 grams of gold ornaments and other valuables, all worth more than one crore. The businessman's wife Sujatha had let the accused, who were in police uniform into the house assuming they came in connection with legal issues between her husband and in-laws. Her son Rupesh, who tried to resist was attacked with a machete. He underwent treatment in a private hospital. He underwent treatment in a private hospital. Moreover, the accused while fleeing made away with the digital video recorder to conceal their identification. Peenya police are in the process of recovering the stolen items. The accused were picked from various locations. All the accused are being interrogated.

Border areas to be monitored: Health Min

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"They shared that the new variant, JN.1, is virulent in many countries. But its impact is not dangerous and deadly when compared to Omicron," Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said and added that there is no need to panic. But people should always be alert.

During the virtual meeting,

CORRIGENDUM

In respect of PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE published in Indian Express and Kannada Prabha, dt. 20.12.2023, (Court Commissioner in FDP, No. 71/2019 on the file of 3rd Addl. City Civil and Session Judge Bangalore (CCH-25)) in the advertisement the Auction date was mentioned: Auction is scheduled to be held on 7.1.2024.

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Date: 20/12/2023
NOTIFICATION

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After Siddu meets Modi, Shah plans high-powered panel meet on Dec 23

To decide on drought relief; State puts number of small, marginal farmers at 70-80%

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah's meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday on drought seems to have had the expected result with Union Home Minister Amit Shah likely to call a meeting of the high-powered committee on natural calamity on December 23 to decide on releasing funds to the state.

After a delegation led by Siddaramaiah met Shah on Wednesday, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda told reporters in New Delhi that the Union minister was convinced to hold the meeting.

"The home minister promised us that he will call the meeting and decide. We told him that since state farmers are

in distress, a decision should be taken and funds released as early as possible," he said.

"The Centre has old census data that puts the number of small and marginal farmers at 44 per cent. But we provided actual data that shows their number at 70-80 per cent. We urged him that this fact should be considered while releasing the funds," he explained. Rajya Sabha members from Karnataka Dr L Hanumanthaiah and GC Chandrashekar too were part of the delegation.

Siddaramaiah, who met Modi along with Gowda on Tuesday, had appealed to the PM to direct Shah, who chairs the high-powered committee on natural calamity, to

hold a meeting.

After meeting Shah on Wednesday, Siddaramaiah told reporters that he urged the minister to release Rs 18,177.44 crore towards drought relief. Of that total amount, Rs 4,663.12 crore was sought for input subsidies, Rs 12,577.86 crore for gratuitous relief, Rs 566.78 crore for drinking water and Rs 363.68 crore for animal husbandry interventions, he said.

He said 223 out of the 236 taluks in the state are drought-hit, while 196 taluks are severely affected. Agriculture and horticulture crops across 48.19 lakh hectares have been lost. The National Disaster Re-

sponse Fund has been requested for an input subsidy of Rs 4,663.12 crore, he added.

Though the state is eligible for Rs 18,177.44 crore, the Centre may release a quarter of that amount as first instalment, sources said.

Siddaramaiah, through a series of posts on X, claimed that he put forth five key demands before Modi -- immediate release of drought relief funds, increase in mandays from 100 to 150 days per head per annum under MGNREGA, release of grants to take up Upper Bhadra Project, environmental clearance for Mahadayi project and permission to take up Meke-datu balancing reservoir project. "Can Modi safeguard the interests of Kannadiga?" was his punchline.



A BREACH, A STIR

Congress workers sit in protest against the Centre, accusing it of failing to protect Parliament House in the wake of the recent security breach, in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

DKS meets FM, seeks funds for infra projects

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DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi on Wednesday and sought financial assistance and support from the Centre for various infrastructure projects in Bengaluru and irrigation projects across the state.

In a detailed letter submitted to the finance minister, Shivakumar said the state government is working hard to make Bengaluru one of the most livable cities in the world with a comprehensive plan. "However, we have faced several challenges and constraints in terms of funds, resources and coordination from various agencies," he said. He pointed out that they require Rs 30,000 crore for the urban tunnel road project in Bengaluru and sought adequate funds for it.

He stressed on extending the existing Metro lines to peripheral areas and satellite towns in the state capital. He requested the finance minister to support them in getting approvals from the Union government. Shivakumar, who is also Bengaluru Development Minister, said they are planning a flood resilience project through World Bank funding.

"We have submitted a request for financial assistance of Rs 3,000 crore, which is before the Department of Economic Affairs. We request you to expedite the approval process and facilitate fund release from WB," he told Sitharaman.

On the Meke-datu balancing reservoir project, Shivakumar, who also holds the water resources portfolio, requested the finance minister to direct authorities at the Jal Shakti Ministry to take up the appraisal of the detailed project report of the Meke-datu project and get necessary clearances. He requested a gazette notification of the award of Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II. "It has been more than a decade after the pronouncement of KWDT-II and there is a need to notify it at the earliest," he said. He requested the FM to declare the Upper Bhadra Project a national project and extend Central assistance to it. He pointed out that during his Budget speech this year, Sitharaman had announced Rs 5,300 crore for the project and it should be released. He requested clearance for the Mahadayi project, which requires approval from the National Board of Wildlife. He also sought Rs 9,177 crore balance amount for the ongoing Yettinahole project.



Tunnel project not before fin department yet

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MEANWHILE, sources in the state government said that the project proposal has not been placed before the finance department and has not even been approved by the cabinet.

A senior official said, "We should either approach the Union Government or go for the public-private partnership model. If we go for the PPP model, people have to pay toll charges. Why should people pay to use roads within the city?"

Prof MN Sreehari, traffic expert, said any mega project needs technical and financial feasibility studies. Experts' opinion should be taken. "Here, it looks like the government is eager to take up the project without even studying its pros and cons," he added.

EXPRESS READ

KSE makes remark on mosques and temples

GADAG: BJP leader KS Eshwarappa on Wednesday said, "We will demolish mosques which are built in Hindu temples so as to save old temples, while we have no objection if Muslims build new mosques." On the issue of AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge's name during the rounds as a potential PM face, the senior leader said, "We respect Kharge, but Congress is making him a victim by making him contest polls. This is cheating Dalits."

JDS seeks aid for coconut growers

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A delegation comprising Has-san JDS MP Prajwal Revanna and MLAs HD Revanna, CN Balakrishna, Manjunath, and Swaroop Prakash, led by party supremo HD Deve Gowda met Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmer Welfare Shobha Karandlaje in New Delhi on Wednesday, and sought a special relief package for coconut growers in the district.

According to Prajwal, the delegation urged the minister to direct the National Agriculture Marketing Federation Limited (NAFED) to purchase copra at a minimum support price of Rs 15,000 per ton. The delegation has also urged the Centre to announce special relief of Rs 50,000 per acre and Rs 25,000 for fertiliser, and will also meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister for Surface Transport Nitin Gadkari, seeking approval for NHAI projects and grants for the same on Thursday. The delegation will also present a detailed report on the drought-like situation prevailing in Karnataka to the prime minister on the occasion, Prajwal added.

ANNOUNCEMENT SOON

Congress high command approves appointments to boards & corps

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AFTER weighing the pros and cons in the wake of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the Congress high command has given its nod to the first list of leaders to be appointed as chairpersons to various boards and corporations in Karnataka.

After getting the Congress high command's seal and calling on senior leader and MP Rahul Gandhi, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah returned to Bengaluru from the national capital. The list of about 35 leaders, including senior MLAs and some MLCs, is likely to be out anytime soon, according to sources.

Prior to this, Siddaramaiah and DCM DK Shivakumar held a marathon meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday evening.

It is in the wake of the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls, the duo finalised the names of certain leaders who could fetch votes for the party in their respective regions. The caste equation has also been balanced in this regard. They



Chief Minister Siddaramaiah greets Congress MP Rahul Gandhi in New Delhi on Wednesday | EXPRESS

also discussed the list with AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, and AICC general secretaries KC Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala.

The names of MLAs including Nanjagowda of Malur Assembly constituency, SN Narayanaswamy of Bangalore, Abbayya Prasad of Hubli-Dharwad East, and Ar-sikere MLA KM Shivalinge

Gowda were among those who figured in the list, a source said.

Some of the aspirants have even camped in the national capital, lobbying to get the posts, while other leaders who want ministerial berths, in case of a cabinet reshuffle in future, have declined taking up any of the said posts, the source added.

RTOs faced problems issuing DLs last week

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LAST week, RTO offices across the state had delayed issuing fresh driving licences due to a technical glitch. There were complaints that in some cases, applicants were told to wait for up to four days.

Confirming it, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy told TNIE, "Yes, there was a problem with issuing fresh licences because of a technical glitch. The problem was not specific to Karnataka, but it was pan-India. Everyone was affected last week. But it has been sorted out since. Slowly, RTOs are resuming issuing fresh licences across the state. It was a problem with the chip supplier and the version changed from 1.0 to

2.0, causing this problem. We are working on solving it."

Asked why it could not be avoided, he said, "We could not do much as there is a single chip supplier. We are working at it, and it will be sorted out completely soon."

Asked why there was a four-day delay, he said, "It was because of holidays in between."

R Ashoka, Assembly Opposition leader and former transport minister, said, "The Union government informs the state government of any change in chip or software. Instead of acting on the issue proactively, they would have procrastinated. Once the time was over, they would have become anxious. They cannot put the burden of this irrespon-

sibility on people. Is this really a people-friendly government?"

JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy said, "Do we have an administration? For the inconvenience caused, they blame computers and servers. For funds being distributed through Gruha Lakshmi, they claim there are server problems. How long will they say the same thing and hide behind excuses?"

BJP General Secretary and opposition leader in the Council Ravi Kumar said, "The administration machinery has collapsed. For driving licences, they say there is a problem with servers and computers. Farmers, people and officials are facing problems. The government needs to wake up from its deep slumber."

TECH START

One of India's first computer companies, this Bengaluru firm turns 50

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

BENGALURU's sobriquet as the Silicon Valley of India has its foundations which go back to early 1970s when 50 years ago, in a basement on Richmond Road, one of the first computer companies in India - Processor Systems (India) Pvt Ltd (PSI) - was born.

Founded on December 29, 1973, PSI, now known as ProcSys, will celebrate its golden jubilee next week. Registered in Kerala, the company opened an office in a basement of Classic Building on Richmond Road.

The story of PSI began with its three founder directors - Late VK Ravindran (Ravi), who gave up an opportunity to work with Bell Labs in the US and came back to India to start an IT company here, which would also provide employment for Indian engineers, who had limited options in the IT sector then. His brother Late VK Harindran (Hari), who was then working with Toshiba Anand in Kerala, resigned from his job to establish the company. The third member, Vinay Deshpande, also a Stanford graduate like Ravi, joined them to set up PSI in Bengaluru.



The first set of engineers and directors of ProcSys in Bengaluru

PSI was registered in Ernakulam on December 29, 1973 with its office at 'Nauka', the brothers' parental home. After registration, PSI opened an office in Bengaluru. "The idea

was to produce computers with microprocessors for every household in India. The timing was right with the exit of IBM from India and the strict restrictions for the establishment of IT companies. PSI had a head start. Ravi could foresee the needs of the industry. He was a visionary ahead of his times and would say, 'I am the processor, the solution to all the problems.' So, the company was called Processor Systems India," recalled Nandana Ishbiliya, executive chairman, ProcSys and wife of late Harindran.

Speaking about the times

then, she said that in the 1970s, after the Janata government sent Coca-cola and other multinational companies packing, IBM left. Indians only had access to computers from the early 50s and 60s, which had been long phased out. In the West, the microprocessor revolution was taking off. India could not depend on the US for technology as the US had embargoed anything to do with computers to India.

Education to business

"So, a group of officials in the Department of Electronics supported PSI to develop indig-

enous equivalents of PDP 11 DEC machines. This meant that the system had to be recreated with bit slice architecture to emulate the PDP instruction set, to be able to run the existing operating systems, compilers and interpreters. PSI built its own version of the mini-computer which was the PSI OMNI which wasn't envisioned to be a commercial computer. It was solely for defence purposes. Then with the inclusion of support for FORTRAN 4, they became useful for educational computing and then as business computers," said Nandana.

Though PSI was a small company, it attracted the brightest minds in the industry. ProcSys has come a long way since its inception; from when funds were not easy to come by because banks didn't understand the industry and engineers were carrying the machines in 'steel and wooden dabbas' to their clients' offices and spending time convincing them as no one was even familiar with the concept of a computer. Now ProcSys provides a full range of services related to embedded product engineering across a diverse set of industry domains.



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Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties (Appendix IV-A)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Bank of Maharashtra, the possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 24.01.2024, for recovery of the balance due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrower(s) as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrowers, amount due, Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under –

Sr. No.	Name and address of Borrowers	Outstanding dues as on 18.12.2023	Short description of immovable property	Reserve Price
			Possession Type	Earnest Money Deposit
1.	Branch: Banaswadi (M-895693946) Borrowers: Mr. A R V S Srinivasa Rao Mrs. Sridevi Araja Both resided at Flat No. 411, 4th Floor, DS Max Samkruthi, Narayanapura Hegde Nagar, Bangalore-560 077 Also at House No.2, 2nd Floor, Survey No.93/6, Near Garden City Super Market, Shirdi Sai Nagar, Kothnur Narayanapura, Bangalore-560 077	Rs.39,72,543.00 (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty Three Only) plus further interest w.e.f. 19.12.2023 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereon.	All that piece and parcel of 3BHK residential property (land & building) bearing Flat No.411 admeasuring built-up area 1354 sq. ft. on 4th Floor in the project named "DS Max Sanskruthi" with one car parking with undivided share of the land of 319 sq. ft. in the total area of the land lying and situated K Narayanapura, K R Puram Hotli, Off Thanisandra Road, Bengaluru East Taluuka and the flat is butted and bounded as follows- On or towards North : By Lobby, Open Space & Lift. On or towards South : By Open Space & Flat No.410. On or towards East : By Lobby & Flat No.408 & On or towards West : By Open Space.	Rs.65.28 Lakh
			Physical	Rs.6.53 Lakh

• Date of E-Auction & Time: 24/01/2024 between 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm.
• Property Inspection Date & Time: 22/01/2024 to 23/01/2024 with prior appointment.
• Last Date & Time for submission of Bid/EMD : 23/01/2024 upto 5.00 pm.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in website of Bank of Maharashtra i.e. <https://www.bankofmaharashtra.in/propertiesfor-sale/>, <https://ibapi.in/>, and www.mstcecommerce.com.
STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002
The borrowers above named are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to dated int erest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.
Date: 20.12.2023
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorized Officer
Bank of Maharashtra
ARC, Bangalore Zone

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are informed that my client viz. M/s. Sri Vaari Builders, intends to enter into JDA & GPA for developing the Property bearing Site Nos.7, 10 & 11, Old Katha Nos.942/655/755/7, 655/755/10 & 655/755/11, Presently BBMP Katha Nos.942/655/755/7, 945/655/755/10 & 946/655/755/11, respectively all are situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Site No.7, measuring East To West 35 feet and North to South 62 feet and bounded on the East by: Site No.6; West by: Site No.8; North by: Private Property; South by: Road; And Site No.10 & 11, measuring East To West 70 feet and North To South 60 feet, totally measuring 4200 Sq feet, bounded and on the East by: Site No.12; West by: Private Property; North by: Road; South by: Site No.26 & 27; With Mr. K.VENKATA RAJU S/o Sri. Subba Raju, Any persons having any claim or interest in or to the said property or any part thereof through sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, bequest, possession, lease, lien, easement or otherwise, are required to forward their claim to the said property, to the undersigned, along with relevant supporting documents thereof, within 8(8) days from this date. In the absence of any claims within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived. SRI VINAYAKA ASSOCIATES, Advocates, No.399/8, Second Floor,5th Cross, ORR, Horamavu, Bangalore-560 043. Mob: 9591720993



Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : Unit No.802, Natrij Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and M.V.Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai- 400069
Jayanagar Branch : Office No. 180, Amrutha ,5Th Main,4Th Block West, Jayanagar,Bangalore-560011,(Karnataka).
Kengeri Branch : Site No 1107,2nd Floor, 1st Main Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, Opposite to Dominos, Kengeri - 560060(Karnataka).

E-AUCTION – SALE NOTICE
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Jayanagar & Kengeri Branch** of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" with no known encumbrances Particulars of which are given below:-

Sl No	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Nature of possession
1.	Loan Code No : 18800004251 (Jayanagar Branch) Ravisha B (Borrower) Pramilaamma M (Co Borrower)	12-10-2022 ₹ 32,21,862.00	NA Western Portion Of Site No 37 K No 160 Sy No 29 1 And 29 3 Kodigehalli Village K R Puram , Bengaluru-560036, Karnataka . Bounded on East by : Remaining Portion of site No.37, West by : Site No.38, North by : Praviate Property and South by : Road.	₹ 45,75,000.00 (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Only)	₹ 4,57,500.00 (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only)	Physical
2.	Loan Code No : 22900000736 (Kengeri Branch) Manjunatha V (Borrower) Manjula K (Co Borrower) Chandrashekar D M (Guarantor)	11-04-2023 ₹ 20,86,227.00	2524 1 2524 1 No 24 Municipal Khattha No 2524 1 2524 1 Ward No 2 Veerabhadrayanapalya 3rd St age Bengaluru-561205, Karnataka. Bounded on East by : Property of B R Devaraju, West by : Road, North by : Remaining Property of the same, and South by : Property of venkateshappa.	₹ 24,00,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Only)	₹ 2,40,000.00 (Rupees Two Lakh Forty Thousand Only)	Physical

1. Last Date of Submission of DD of Earnest Money Deposit along with KYC, Tender Form and accepted Terms and conditions (Tender Documents) is **20.01.2024 within 5:00 PM** at the Branch Office address mentioned herein above or uploaded on <https://bankeauctions.com>. Tenders documents received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
2. Date of Opening of the Bid/Offer (Auction Date) for Property is **21.01.2024 on https://bankeauctions.com at 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM**.
3. AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The Property shall be auctioned on 'As is Where is Basis', 'As is What is Basis' and 'Whatever is There is Basis'.
4. The Demand Draft Should be made in favor of 'Aadhar Housing Finance Limited' Only.
5. Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website <https://bankeauctions.com>. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
6. The intending bidders should register their names at portal M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD through the link <https://bankeauctions.com/registration/signup>, and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD through the website <https://bankeauctions.com>
7. For further details contact Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited, Manjunatha K R, Branch (Contact No. 9480074594) OR the service provider M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD, Mr. Prabhakaran (Contact No. +91 7418281709), E-mail: tn@c1india.com & support@bankeauctions.com, Mobile No: +917291981124 /25 /26. As on date, there is no order restraining and/or court injunction AHFL/ the authorized Officer of AHFL from selling, alienating and/or disposing of the above immovable properties/secured assets.
8. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL), secured creditor's website i.e. www.aadharhousing.com.
9. The Bid incremental amount for auction is **Rs.1000/-**.
Place : Jayanagar & Kengeri
Date : 21.12.2023
Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited



सेन्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया
Central Bank of India

REGIONAL OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, GRAND MAJESTIC MALL, NO.12, 2 nd Cross, Gandhinagar, BENGALURU 560 009

APPENDIX : IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]
SALE CUM E-AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Central Bank of India, (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" [Exclusive of Furniture / Fixture / Stocks / Movables] basis on 06/01/2024 through online web portal (<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>) for recovery of below mentioned amount dues to the Central Bank of India, Secured Creditor from the below mentioned Borrowers and Guarantors/ Mortgagors. The Reserve Price, EMD and other details are mentioned in below table. For Detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditor's web site www.centralbankofindia.co.in. Last date of deposit of EMD will be 02/01/2024.

S. No	Name of Borrowers & Guarantors / Mortgagors Branch Name	Amount outstanding	Description of Property	Reserve Price	EMD	Bid Increment Amount	Other Encumbrances	Date of Visit & Contact person details
1	Mr. Abhilash P K (Borrower) Branch Name: HSR Layout Bangalore Possession Type: Physical Possession	Rs. 44,68,975.00 as on 30/09/2020 + further interest thereon	All the piece and parcel of the residential Flat/Apartment property in the Name of Abhilash P K bearing two Bed room residential apartment/Flat at No SF-14, 2 nd floor, Ajanta Meadows, Sy No.8/2B, 3 rd cross, Akshayanagara West, Yelahalli main road, Akshayanagara, Yelahalli, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru - 550078 having super build up area of 1310 sqft along with 369 sq.ft of undivided right, title and interest in all that piece and parcel of the land described in the schedule A property with one covered car parking area bearing SF 14, in the basement floor with water, lobbies, lift, a staircase and other area of common use etc. All that piece and parcel of the immovable property amalgamated under BBMP Khata No. 737/219/1, (No. 737/219/1,2,3,4,5,6) old No. 219/1, Property register no 737, site No. 1 to 6 formed in converted survey No. 8/2B uid converted order bearing no ALN SR9S) 163/2000-01 dated 13.02.2001, issued by the then Deputy commissioner Bangalore City, Bangalore South Taluk measuring east to West 150 ft and North to South 160 ft in all measuring 24000 sq. Ft. BOUNDARIES: BOUNDARIES For land East : Private Property; West : Private property; North : Road; South : Road For Flat : East : Corridor; West : Flat No.SF-13, North: Open to sky, South: Corridor	Rs. 45,15,000.00 The property shall be sold only above the reserve price.	Rs. 4,51,500.00	Rs. 10,000/-	Not Known to Bank	02/01/2024 Mrs. Farah Hussain 95388 93708

This may also be treated as notice under Rule 8(6) / Rule 9(1) of security (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of e-Auction sale on the above date.
For participating in the E-auction sale, the intending bidders should register their details with the service provider <https://mstcecommers.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp> well in advance and shall get user ID & password. Intending bidders advised to change only the password. Bidder may visit <https://mstcecommers.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp> for educational videos. For detailed terms & conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided Bank's website: www.centralbankofindia.co.in.
Bidder will register on website <https://mstcecommers.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp> and upload KYC documents and after verification of KYC documents by the service provider, EMD to be deposited in Global EMD wallet through NEFT/transfer (after generation for Challan from <https://mstcecommers.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>). The highest and successful bidder should pay the 25% of the bid amount (including EMD amount) on the same or next day of auction. EMD amount shall be forfeited, if the successful bidder fails to pay the 25% of the bid amount within the next day of auction. The entire bid amount should be paid within 15 days of the confirmation of sale. Failure to pay the bid amount within the stipulated will lead to forfeiture of the amount already paid.
Sale Certificate shall be issued only in the name/s of the person/s who has/have submitted the bid, not in the name of any other person/s. Successful bidder shall bear the registration costs/stamp duty or any other cost applicable.
The Terms & conditions shall be strictly as per the provisions of the security interest Rules (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICES UNDER RULE 8(6)/RULE 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002 FOR PROPERTIES
Date: 19.12.2023
Place: BANGALORE
Sd/- Authorised Officer,
CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA



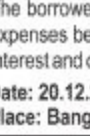
ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	G Manjunath // Sai Bharani // LBBNG0000543588/1 LBNBG00005249691	Schedule 'A' Property All Piece and Parcel of Property Bearing Old No.501, New No.8/1, Pid No.47-5-8/1, Measuring North 75½ Feet South 97.9 Feet. East 46½ Feet and West 48 Feet Situated Presently at Otc Road, Next To Sharada Talkies, Bangalore, Consisting of Four Residential Houses and Two Factories and Bounded On: East By: Sharada Talkies; West By: Corporation Property; North By: Lakshmi's Property, and South By: Conservancy Lane. Schedule 'B' Property Item No.1 All That Piece and Parcel of (i) House No.3, Mentioned as Cdgh, (ii) Factor No.4A Mentioned as Delf and (iii) Factory No.4B. Mentioned As Mnopq Along With 50% of Undivided Share of Estate, Right, Title and Interest In Property Bearing Old No.501, New No.8/1, Pid No.47-5-8/1, Measuring North 75½ Feet South 97.9 Feet. East 46½ Feet and West 48 Feet Situated Presently at Otc Road, Next To Sharada Talkies, Bangalore, Consisting of Four Residential Houses and Two Factories and Bounded On: East By: Sharada Talkies; West By: Corporation Property; North By: Lakshmi's Property, and South By: Conservancy Lane. Item No.2 All That Piece and Parcel of (i) House No.1, Mentioned as Abji, (i) House No.2 Mentioned as Bchi and (iii) House No.3, Mentioned as LMQS Along With 50% of Undivided Share of Estate, Right, Title and Interest In Property Bearing Old No.501, New No.8/1, Pid No.47-5-8/1, Measuring North 75½ Feet South 97.9 Feet. East 46½ Feet and West 48 Feet Situated Presently at Otc Road, Next To Sharada Talkies, Bangalore, Consisting of Four Residential Houses and Two Factories and Bounded On: East By: Sharada Talkies; West By: Corporation Property; North By: Lakshmi's Property, and South By: Conservancy Lane./ Date of Symbolic Possession On/18/12/2023.	10.08.2023 Rs. 55,20,294.00/- Rs. 4,91,76,149.00/-	Bangalore
2.	Praveen B P/ Rafiya K/ LBBNG00005104796	All That Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential Property Bearing No.366, Intermediary In The Lottery Formed By Ms Sri. Maruthi Co-Operative Housing Society Limited Situated at Vasanth Nagar, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Bearing BBMP Katha No.380/366, In Ward No.197, Bangalore District Admeasuring East To West: 40 Ft. North To South :30 Ft. In All Measuring 133.33 Sq. Yards Or 1200 Sq. Ft. Together With 9 Squares of Building With Vitrified Flooring, Honne Wood Doors & Windows and All Civic Amenities Such as Electricity, Water and Sanitary Connections and Bounded By: East: Road West: Site No.353 North: Site No.367 South: Site No.365/ Date of Symbolic Possession On/18/12/2023.	23.08.2023 Rs. 95,13,381.00/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: December 21, 2023
Place: Bangalore
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited



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Union Bank of India

Regional Office: 2254, "Koushalya", 3rd Floor, South Wing, Vinoba Road, Mysore - 570 005

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties charged/mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Union Bank Of India, Pandavapura Branch, Behind Taluk Office, Bud's School Compound, V C Colony, Pandavapura - 571434	
Name & Address of the Borrowers & Guarantor/s	Amount due Rs.
1. M/s. Jnanabandhu Education Trust; Devegowdana Koppalu, Pandavapura Tq, Mandya Dist – 571434.	Rs. 9,28,34,214.67
2. Mr. M.R. Kumaraswamy S/o Late Raju Gowda, H.No 848, 2 nd Stage, Krishnanagara, Pandavapura Post, Mandya Dist – 571434.	
3. Mr. M Puttegowda S/o Late. P Maingowda, # B1-33, Behind Karnataka Bank, Srirangapatna Town, Mandya – 571438.	
4. Mr. Chethan Ram R A S/o R Anantha Murthy, # 134 2 nd Main, Jayanagar Mysore – 570014.	
5. Mr. B V Kumar, S/o Late U M Balaiah; 19, Devendra Munireddy Layout, Doddakallasanda, South Bangalore – 560062.	
6. Mrs. Pushpa T V W/o M R Kumara Swamy, No-848, 11 Stage, Krishnanagar, Pandavapura, Mandya – 571434.	
7. Mr. Srikantha Raj Urs DN, S/o D Nanjaraju Urs, 4558, St Mary's 6 th Cross, NR Mohalla Mysore - 570007.	
8. Mrs. Indumathi D S W/o D N Srikantha Raju Urs, 4549, 6 th Cross, St. Mary's Road, NR Mohalla, Mysore – 570007.	
9. Mrs. Bhavitha C P, W/o V B Venkatesh, No. 550, Opp To Railway Station, Rama Mandira Street, Channapattana, Ramanagara District – 562160	
10. Mrs. Pushpalatha C P W/o Chikksiddegowda K S, 351, Hospital Quarters, Pandavapura- 571434	
11. Mrs. Rajalakshmi W/o Nareshababu, H No 4130, Ganjam, Srirangapatna Town, Mandya- 571438	

Prop.1: All the Part and Parcel of Residential House Situated at Site No: 23, Khatha No. 3332/1967, 2nd Stage Krishnanagar Layout, Pandavapura, Mandya District Standing in the Name of Mr. M R Kumaraswamy; Measuring 50.00 Ft X 40.00 Ft =2000 Sqft. Bounded By: East: Property Of Prabha, West: Property Of C.G. Venkatesh, North: Property of Chikakidegowda, South: Road.
Prop.2: All The Part And Parcel of Converted Land in Sy No 15/2, Khata No 606/606 Measuring 57460 Sq Ft together with School Building Measuring 63624 Sq.ft And Sy No 127/1 Khata No 5797 Measuring 46805 Sq Ft together with Building Measuring 9883.50 Sq. Ft. Situated at Haranahalli Grama, Pandavapura Taluku, Mandya District standing in the name of Mr. M R Kumaraswamy. **Boundries For Sy No 15/2:** East: Road & Prvt Property; West: Property M R Kumaraswamy; North: Property of Srikanthegowda; South: C Suresh Naganna And Others Land. **Boundries For Sy No 127/1:** East: School Building Road and Vacant Site, West: By Halla, North: Venkataramanagowda Land, South: S Marankanagowda Land
Date & Time of E-auction: On 25/01/2024 at 12.00 Noon To 05.00pm. Reserve Price: PROP. 1: Rs. 64,27,700/-, PROP. 2: Rs. 13,84,33,000/- Earnest Money to Be Deposited: Prop. 1: Rs. 6,42,770/-, Prop. 2: Rs. 1,38,43,300/-
For detailed terms and condition of the sale and registration and login and bidding rules visit: please refer to the link provided <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>, <https://www.unionbankofindia.co.in/english/TendeViewAllAuction.aspx>
Date: 16-12-2023
Place: Mysore
Sd/- Authorized Officer
Union Bank of India



STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (SARB), BENGALURU

Addressed Officer's Details:
Name: Shri. Nagendra Nagaiha,
Chief Manager
e -mail id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in,
Mobile No: 9964970123
Landline No. (Office): 080-2594 3663
Address of the Branch:
Building No.11/90, III Floor, Opp. Trust Well Hospital J C Road, Bengaluru-560 002
Contact Manager- CCO: Shri N S Raghavulu
Mob: 9845503065,
Tel:080-2594-3678/3663

APPENDIX-IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]
E-AUCTION ON 08.01.2024
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property (excluding movables, if any, lying in the premises) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantors in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the actual possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 08.01.2024 for recovery of Rs.7,42,17,298/- (Rupees Seven Crore Forty Two Lakh Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Eight Only) (CC A/c No.32898376685 – Rs.7,34,95,316/- + HTL A/c No.30117822608 – Rs.6,06,363/- legal & other charges Rs.1,15,619/-) as on 20.12.2023 and further interest at contractual rate from 21.12.2023 with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc., due to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India from the Borrower: The Managing Director, M/s Assadi Resources Pvt. Ltd., No.3-31-2679/1, "Vasanth Nivas", Near Bunts Hostel, Mangaluru-575 003. AND Guarantors/Mortgagor, (i) Mr. T. A. Haq Assadi, S/o. Late Mr. T. A. K. Assadi, Managing Director, 'Greenwoods', Yemmekere Cross Road, Bolar, Mangaluru-575 001, (ii) Mr. Mohamed Zannon Assadi, S/o. Mr. T. A. Haq Assadi, Director, 'Greenwoods', Yemmekere Cross Road, Bolar, Mangaluru-575 001, (iii) Mr. Nihal Ahamed Assadi, S/o. Mr. T. A. Haq Assadi, Director, 'Greenwoods', Yemmekere Cross Road, Bolar, Mangaluru-575 001, (iv) Maj. D M Nizamuddin, S/o. Late Mr. D M Shamsuddin, 'Faig House', Yemmekere 1st Cross Road, Bolar, Mangaluru-575 001 and also the dues of the Housing Term Loan availed by Shri T A Haq Assadi in his individual name. The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount, time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable properties to be sold will be as under:

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time of e-Auction of Property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.2,18,00,000/-	Rs.21,80,000/-	Rs.1,00,000/-	08.01.2024 - 11.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m.	On or before 06.01.2024 up to 4.00 P.M.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Tender No.SARB/2023-24/AUCTION/N.N-NSR/1004;
Asset ID: SBIN10001890279
[Owned & Mortgaged by Mr T A Haq Assadi]
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JANUARY e-AUCTION -2024

DATE	DIVISION / DEPOT
02.01.24	NANDED, LALLAGUDA
03.01.24	RAYANAPADU
04.01.24	GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR
05.01.24	VIJAYAWADA
08.01.24	SECUNDERABAD, TIRUPATI
09.01.24	NANDED, LALLAGUDA
10.01.24	RAYANAPADU, HYDERABAD
11.01.24	GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR
12.01.24	VIJAYAWADA
16.01.24	SECUNDERABAD
17.01.24	SECUNDERABAD, VIJAYAWADA, HYDERABAD, GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR, NANDED, LALLAGUDA, TIRUPATI, RAYANAPADU
18.01.24	NANDED, LALLAGUDA
19.01.24	TIRUPATI
22.01.24	GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR

Telangana's loan burden ₹6.71L cr, says DyCM Bhatti

White paper on state finances tabled in House

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THE white paper on state finances tabled in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday paints a bleak picture of Telangana's fiscal situation as it says that the total accumulated debts are ₹6,71,757 crore as of date. Most of this debt was raised in the last 10 years. The white paper highlighted that the state requires ₹1,59,940 crore to complete on-going works, of which ₹86,957 crore has to be allocated in the Budget for the coming years.

Initiating the short discussion on the white paper, Telangana DyCM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, who also holds the Finance portfolio, said that the aim of the government in releasing the white paper was to know the current financial situation and start the journey afresh. "We have no enmity towards anyone. We wanted to end the financial misrule and correct it. At present, the state is borrowing money to repay its debts. I appeal to Opposition

parties to cooperate with the government to set things right," Vikramarka said. He said that the government considers Opposition parties as political opponents and not enemies.

The white paper stated: "Telangana state, which was a revenue surplus state in 2014 and has one of the fastest growing economies in the country, is now staring at a debt crisis.

The rate of accumulation of debt from off-budget borrowings has led to this situation. Every effort will be made to increase the state's resources and direct expenditures towards uplifting the impoverished while reducing unnecessary spending. The new government is determined to implement all the six guarantees which are promised by the party based on which the people of Telangana had given the mandate for change."

"The government is determined to overcome the fiscal challenges in a responsible, prudent and transparent manner. The white paper on state finances is the first step in this direction," the paper said.



Life is yet to return to normal in several villages of flood-hit southern Tamil Nadu districts. (Left) Residents of Pullavali village in Thoothukudi district brave floodwaters carrying relief material; A student dries her books on the roadside in Thoothukudi district on Wednesday | KARTHIKALAGU

TN floods: Central team takes stock; power woes continue

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A team of Central government officials on Wednesday visited areas affected by the rain and floods in Thoothukudi, interacted with people, and held discussions with officials. They were taken on boats to places across Thoothukudi. Normal life continues to be affected in Thoothukudi district and road network remained cut-off in several areas. Many places in Thoothukudi still have knee-high water and network connectivity, drinking water, and access to food and basic amenities are a challenge. Though relief materials are

coming into Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli, there is drinking water scarcity in several areas and fear of water contamination is high. Sporadic protests also broke out in several places in Thoothukudi on Wednesday over inadequate relief measures. Power supply is yet to resume in several parts in Thoothukudi and nearby areas. Flight operations, however, resumed at Thoothukudi airport on Wednesday.

While relief efforts by the state and central agencies are in full swing, CM MK Stalin reviewed the progress and directed officials to expedite work. The CM is scheduled to

visit Thoothukudi on Thursday. Multiple Army teams rescued people from several regions of Thoothukudi district including Karungulam and Alwarthirunagari. The Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard are also involved in relief work along with NDRF, TNDRE Fire and Rescue Services, and police personnel.

Chief Secretary Shiv Das Meena said 10 helicopters and 323 boats were involved in the rescue operation and 27 tonnes of food material have been provided to people. Tirunelveli, Kanniyakumari and Tenkasi, the three other affected districts are limping back to

normalcy with floodwater receding at several places. A pregnant woman, who was rescued along with her family members from heavily flooded Srivaikuntam by an IAF chopper, delivered a baby at a government hospital in Madurai. A Defence release said, "The Coast Guard continued the flood relief effort on the second day with two ALH helicopters getting airborne with 350 kg of (700 packets) provided by the state administration to air-drop in affected areas of Thoothukudi." Naval personnel from INS Kattabomman continued to render assistance in Thoothukudi.

THOOTHUKUDI AIRPORT OPEN, CHOPPER OPERATIONS ON

Chennai: Thoothukudi airport was opened for flight operations on Wednesday, making way for the INS team to start their helicopter operations. They have liaised with the state administration for maximum coverage by air, thus extending the reach of ongoing relief efforts. With the Indian Air Force helicopters dropping 24 tonnes of relief materials and the Indian Navy distributing 2.5 tonnes of items to about 1,000 flood-affected people, the Armed Forces continued their flood relief operations in Thoothukudi. The Coast Guard also dropped relief materials of about 1,000 kg in the district.

No demand of bribe, proceedings can't be allowed against Madal: HC

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IN a major setback to the Karnataka Lokayukta police, the Karnataka High Court on Wednesday quashed the proceedings against former BJP MLA K Madal Virupakshappa, former chairman of Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Ltd (KSDL), under the Prevention of Corruption (PC) Act.

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order, allowing the petition filed by Virupakshappa, accused No 1, questioning the validity of the FIR registered against him, based on the complaint filed by Shreyas Kashyap, a partner of Chemical Corporation.

Seeking an alleged bribe of Rs 60 lakh, Virupakshappa allegedly asked Kashyap to approach his son Prashanth Madal for hassle-free sanctioning of bills for chemicals. After trapping Madal, the Lokayukta police found Rs 6.10 crore cash in his house.



The court said that in the entire complaint, there is no whisper that Virupakshappa had demanded a bribe or accepted, which attracts the offences under Section 7(a) and (b) of the PC Act. The entire allegation is against Virupakshappa's son, who is prima facie guilty of demand and acceptance of the bribe. It is incomprehensible as to how the proceedings can be permitted against Virupakshappa, the court noted.

It said the petitioner's son is answerable to the cash found and he has to answer the allegations in a trial. If the petitioner is nowhere found in any of the instances, merely be-

cause he is the father of accused No.2, he cannot be permitted to be prosecuted, it added.

The court also rejected Lokayukta counsel's contention that it cannot be said the father is not involved in the act of the son and further proceedings should be permitted owing to certain moral obligations.

Referring to KSDL MD's statement about the alleged interference of Virupakshappa in the tendering process, the court noted that nowhere did Virupakshappa participate in the proceedings. On all these counts, permitting further proceedings against him would become an abuse of the process of law and result in a miscarriage of justice, it said.

The court said it need not go into the issue of obtaining prior approval under Section 17A of the PC Act required for registration of crime against Virupakshappa.

DRI arrests Nigerian body packer with 99 cocaine capsules at KIA

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

COCAINE trafficking in India is taking alarming proportions with traffickers using every possible route, means and mules to deliver the contraband narcotic drug to the market on the eve of the New Year festivities.

Bengaluru is fast emerging as a big market for banned narcotic and synthetic drugs.

In perhaps the first of its kind seizure, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Bengaluru last week seized 99 capsules of cocaine weighing two kgs from a 'body packer' - a Nigerian national, who had ingested the contraband drug worth over Rs 20 crore in the international grey market for 'safe passage'.

According to sources, on credible inputs, the DRI, on December 11, intercepted the Nigerian (43), at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), who had travelled on the Ethiopian Airline from Addis Ababa



to Bengaluru on a medical visa.

"He has come to India on a medical visa for treatment of lung sarcoidosis. He was taken for medical extraction where he ejected 99 capsules of cocaine weighing two kgs. On December 15 he was arrested under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985," said sources.

"This is perhaps one of the biggest seizures of cocaine being smuggled by a body packer in India," they added. Body packing involves smuggling of

drugs with high street value like heroin or cocaine by mules, who voluntarily or by coercion swallow capsules of drugs to avoid being caught by law enforcers. They take medications to slow the movement of substances through the digestive tract until the capsules are retrieved medically. "Africans coming to India with ingested cocaine capsules is a recent trend. Earlier women from South America were being used as body packers," said sources.

Of late, after a drastic reduction in opium poppy production in Afghanistan following the ban on its cultivation by the Taliban administration last year, cocaine has overtaken heroin smuggling internationally.

According to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, opium cultivation fell throughout Afghanistan, slashing its supply by 95 percent. "In comparison to heroin, instances of cocaine smuggling have increased since 2022," said sources.

Karnataka HC Judge delivers 50 judgments in a single day

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IN a first of its kind, Justice M Nagaprasanna, Judge, High Court of Karnataka, on Wednesday pronounced 50 judgments, the highest delivered in a single day. These 50 judgments include 25 judgments of the cases heard and reserved at the Principal Bench at Bengaluru and 25 judgments of cases heard and reserved at the Dharwad Bench of the HC.

Justice Nagaprasanna pronounced the verdicts at the Principal Bench at Bengaluru. The videoconference facility was provided to enable advocates representing litigants of cases pertaining to the Dharwad Bench.

Verdicts in petitions filed by former BJP MLA K Madal Virupakshappa and JDS MLC Suraj Revanna were among the 50 judgments pronounced.

EXPRESS READ

KCOCA invoked against 12 accused in KEA exam case

BENGALURU: The provisions of the Karnataka Control of Organised Crimes Act, 2000 (KCOCA) have been invoked against 12 accused pertaining to the malpractices in the examination held on October 28, 2023 by the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) with regard to recruitment of FDA posts in KEONICS and other State government organizations. Eight cases had been registered against the accused in Ashoknagar police station of Kalaburgi city. The main accused RD Patil is also reportedly involved in the PSI recruitment scam cases also. Officials attached to the



CID are probing the case. The other accused are identified as Santhosh Kottalli, Shivakumara, Sidrama Koli, Ravikumar, Rudraghosh, Rahim Choudhary, Sagar, Basanna Poojari, Chandranantha Burakal, Shashidhara Jamadara and Basavaraja Yelavara. **ENS**

Automatic signalling gets nod, B'luru, Mysuru divisions to have more trains

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IN a major fillip towards operating more train services in the South Western Railway Zone, the Railway Board has sanctioned automatic signalling between Yesvantpur and Arsikere stations at a cost of Rs 218.75 crore. The project will cover a distance of 165.86 km and is expected to be completed in three years, said an official release.

"Bengaluru and Mysuru Di-

visions have been experiencing a continuous surge in demand for increased commuter trains, particularly in the Yesvantpur-Arsikere section. The Yesvantpur-Sampige Road stretch in Bengaluru Division runs to 107.21 km and has a capacity utilisation of 118% during peak hours. The stretch between Sampige Road and Arsikere in Mysuru Division extends to 58.65 km and has a peak hour line capacity utilisation of

81% m," the release said.

The automatic signalling project aims to boost line capacity significantly in anticipation of a manifold increase in both passenger and freight traffic, it said.

"This enhancement will enable the seamless operation of additional trains at shorter intervals," it added.

The project is expected to be completed within a span of three years.



Stench drives students out of classrooms in UK dist

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STUDENTS of the Government Higher Primary School at Hallur near Mundgod have been attending classes in the open for the past three years. "The stench emanating from an open plot near the school has forced them to do so.

The school remains shut as classes are held away from it. "We couldn't even breathe properly because of the stench. With no steps taken to relocate the drain, we requested the teachers to conduct classes outside," said a student.

Headmaster Nagaraj Kalakond said the school has four teachers and two guest teachers. The plot behind the school belongs to one Mohammed Ghouse. Sanitary and other waste from his house flows into the plot which is blocked from all sides.



(Top) The open drain near Hallur Higher Primary School; (above) Students taught outside

"We complained to him many times. But he did nothing. We even brought the matter to the notice of the tahsildar and also the chief officer of the town panchayat. Even they did nothing. We have had enough of this," he said.

He said many students have left the school. "We had 200 students earlier. But now we have 120 students."

Chandrashekar B, chief officer, said the private layout behind the school has no drains. "At the most, I can divert the sewage. We will do it soon," he added.

Over 50 birds soaked in oil after Ennore oil spill

SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA @Chennai

AFTER birdlife was badly hit by the recent Ennore oil spill, the state forest department has found close to 50 birds of different species completely 'painted' black with oil. On Wednesday, an eight-member team of forest officials, fishermen, and members of Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary Animal Shelter (BMAD) that carried out a survey at a few bird areas in Manali and Ennore belt said several birds looked sick and exhausted.

Nishanth Ravi, a BMAD vol-

unteer who was part of the rescue team, said, "We didn't find any dead birds, but there were many sick ones with oil all over the body. The mangrove area is severely affected. Crustaceans have been completely wiped off and there are lots of dead fish in the creek. There were instances where birds were feeding on the oil contaminated dead fish and vomiting."

He said it was difficult for the team to rescue the birds since most of them were out of reach sitting on tall mangrove trees. Among the birds, Spot-billed Pelicans were the worst hit and



A bird covered with oil after the recent Ennore oil spill | EXPRESS

found in most numbers. Other bird species like Painted Stork, Lesser Cormorant,

Great Cormorant, Darter, Eurasian Curlew, Caspian Tern, Whiskered Tern, Cattle Egret, Pond Heron, Grey Heron and Brown Headed Gull were also sighted with oil stains.

The team managed to rescue one Caspian Tern, which was very sick and unable to fly. "The bird had a fracture. It was shifted to Children's Park in Guindy for necessary treatment," Nishanth said.

Chennai Wildlife Warden E Prasanth told *The New Indian Express* that it's a difficult operation. "The rescue team had got caught in the low tide on

Wednesday and had to walk in hip-level water to get close to the affected birds. We are intensifying our efforts. On Thursday, three teams will be visiting the areas exploring the possibility of rescuing a few birds and also throw some fresh fish feed for the birds in these areas."

Meanwhile, Supriya Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary, Environment, Climate Change and Forests, visited Ennore on Wednesday. "We are doing our best to restore the environment," she told *The New Indian Express*.

RECORD SUSPENSIONS POOR OPTICS FOR TEMPLE OF DEMOCRACY

THE suspension of a record 143 members of parliament who demanded a statement from the home minister on the recent Lok Sabha intrusion indicates a precipitous decline in the country's parliamentary democracy. Heavens would not have fallen had the government made a statement admitting the seriousness of the breach and that the members ought to wait for the reports of the probe panels set up by Speaker Om Birla and the home ministry. They said as much outside parliament while accusing the opposition of using it to derive political mileage. It shows how competitive our politics has become with the Lok Sabha elections just a few months away. When the winter session began, proceedings appeared normal for more than a week—except for Mahua Moitra's expulsion—before the intruders struck. The nation has a right to seek accountability for the security breach, which was what the opposition was articulating. But the way they went about it—entering the well of the House and displaying placards—was against their commitment not to do so in the new parliament building. Both sides could have explored a middle path through communication, but that was not to be. Ironically, the BJP MP who issued passes to the intruders is yet to face public scrutiny. The mass suspensions forced even disciplined opposition members like Shashi Tharoor to enter the well, lest they be seen as colluding with the treasury benches.

After the suspension, it was legislative business as usual in both Houses. Deliberation is the hallmark of parliamentary democracy, yet a few weighty bills such as the Telecom Bill and laws to replace the old criminal codes sailed through without the benefit of a wider spectrum of opposition views. That has been the problem during this government's tenure, with even the Supreme Court throwing up its hands in exasperation, observing that the legislative intent of bills were not fully clear since they were rammed through without thorough discussions. Overconfidence can be a serious downside of a humongous majority won at the hustings.

The suspensions seemed to have brought closer the INDIA bloc, which was haemorrhaging with Nitish Kumar grumbling, and Mamata Banerjee and Akhilesh Yadav putting the faces of the Congress leadership, especially the Gandhis, on their dart boards. How well they negotiate seat sharing will determine their ability to give the BJP a real fight.

END MANUAL SCAVENGING FOR GOOD AND FOR ALL

THE incidence of school students being made to clean a septic tank is not just shocking, but alarming too. It happened with students of classes seven to nine at Morarji Desai Residential School in Yeluvahalli, Karnataka, on December 1. Had a video of this act not gone viral a few days ago, it would have remained under wraps. It is worrisome that a school management ordered such an activity; even more so because the children were asked to do the job without safety gear. Many people have died around the country while cleaning manholes and sewers from asphyxiation upon inhaling excessive carbon monoxide. Despite 920 such deaths across India between 1993 and 2010, and 339 more recorded between 2018 and 2023, the school obviously ignored the dangers. Four people including the principal were suspended when the district and state authorities finally swung into action. A probe has been ordered and the state government is awaiting the report amid brimming public anger.

Manual scavenging is among the cruellest forms of work. There are modern technologies available to clean manholes and septic tanks which eliminate the threat people engaged in it are exposed to. The school authorities evidently ignored—or had no clue about—the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act of 2013. The law states that any person or agency that engages people for manual scavenging is punishable under Section 8 of the Act with imprisonment up to two years or fine up to ₹1 lakh, or both.

Even the Supreme Court in its landmark 2014 judgement directed all states to abolish manual scavenging and take steps to rehabilitate such workers—58,098 manual scavengers have been identified till recently, but the final figure is likely to be much higher. The court had stated, "For sewer deaths, entering sewer lines without safety gears should be made a crime even in emergency situations." And here were a group of teenagers forced into it on December 1. A school disdainfully pressing students into manual scavenging—whether labelling it as 'social service' or not—is an indication of how little some educators value the Supreme Court and the law. A more stringent law and an iron hand to enforce it are needed to stop this practice for good.

QUICK TAKE

BROADEN CYBERCRIME AWARENESS

THE home ministry's announcement on intensifying the work of the nation's cybercrime coordination centres is welcome. The joint cyber coordination teams in Mewat, Jamtara, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Chandigarh, Visakhapatnam and Guwahati—sites chosen to be close to hotspots—assist states on multi-jurisdictional issues concerning all kinds of cybercrime. The ministry also claims to have trained more than 17,000 NCC cadets on cyber hygiene and is working on handbooks for adolescents. The states need to introduce cyber safety training in schools. The Reserve Bank's financial literacy project initiated in 2017 needs to reach many more of the elderly, who are in special need for assistance on this growing menace.

INDIAN federalism is unique. The Constitution does not use the word federalism anywhere. However, it prescribes a federal scheme of governance almost throughout. It tries to strike a balance between the Union and the states. It contemplates the division of powers and responsibilities between the Union and the states. Unlike in the US, Indian federalism was not spontaneous. We have been "holding together" the states which were not "coming together", as it is often said.

Federalism addresses various concerns such as national security, people's welfare, preservation of identity and diversity of communities, and administrative efficiency, among other things. India became a Union according to B R Ambedkar's prescription. In certain areas, unitary features do overshadow the Constitution's federal features. For example, parliament has the power to alter the very scheme of the Constitution. Provisions such as Article 352 on proclaiming Emergency and Article 356 on empowering the Union to act over the states. There is no reciprocal power for the states in such contingencies. In the realms of administration, the Centre can appoint governors as the titular heads of states. We also have a fiscal scheme where the Union often enjoys superiority over the states. Thus, Indian federalism is said to possess strong centralist traits.

Because of this centralist character, conscious efforts should be made to maintain the balance of powers and cordiality in Centre-state relation. The Centre should itself be cautious about the perils of centralisation. A situation of the powerful Union taking a hostile attitude to opposition-ruled states should be avoided, as it might create dissatisfaction and a feeling of dismemberment among the people.

The legitimate rights and interests of states should be honoured by recognising their constitutional significance. Justice Jeevan Reddy, in *SR Bommai vs Union of India* (1994) wrote, "The fact that under the scheme of our Constitution, greater power is conferred upon the Centre vis-a-vis the states does not mean that the states are mere appendages of the Centre." He added that "within the sphere allotted to them, states are supreme" and that "the Centre cannot tamper with their powers".

This is the reason why, in our system, state elections are as important as parliamentary ones. Every election is an opportunity to foster plurality, diversity and thereby the spirit of federalism. After referring

The Constitution is not always clear on the balance of power between the Centre and states. The Supreme Court's J&K ruling stopped short of clarifying it

A MISSED CHANCE TO STRENGTHEN INDIAN FEDERALISM

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to Justice Reddy's remarks in *Bommai*, Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud recently wrote while heading another Constitution bench that the priorities of the central and state governments "are not just bound to be different, but are intended to be different" (*Delhi government vs Union of India*, 2023). The Supreme Court also rejected the argument that the Constitution is unitary. Thus, the idea of collaborative federalism was judicially reiterated.

Many of the recent developments unfortunately do not reflect such a constitutional spirit on the part of the Centre or its representatives while "dealing with" the states. The gubernatorial excess at certain opposition-ruled states is deplorable. The situation in states such as Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Kerala illustrates this point.

The governors themselves often become an obstacle to governance. Despite the Sarkaria and Punchhi commissions' recommendations that the Raj Bhavans should facilitate cordial Centre-state relations, one finds several governments moving the Supreme Court to get assent for bills that their state assemblies have passed based on the people's mandate. The blatant abuse of gubernatorial power has almost become a new normal.

There are also other instances indicating the emergence of an aggrandizing Centre. The Kerala government had to approach the Supreme Court to seek central financial allocations that it is eligible for. Getting due shares of the goods and services tax and other central funds is another issue highlighted by some opposi-

DEATH OF PUBLIC OPINION IN TIME OF A BLOODY WAR

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Without one, there could be no other.

Or seemingly so. The Israel-Palestine war has put paid to this formal axiom, too. For the media to report from a warzone, it has to be in the warzone, either as independent reporters or those embedded in one or both armies. In this war, the formal media is almost entirely missing. It has no presence in the resistance in Gaza or the West Bank or in the Israeli army.

The only media organisation with a presence in Gaza is Al-Jazeera—a presence it is paying for by the killings of its correspondents and their families. The only Western

came a turning point.

Compare this to what is transpiring in Gaza. Social media is awash with images and videos of children dying and dead, of death rattles. There are apocalyptic scenes of entire blocks cratered into grey, dusty collapse by bombs, photographs of the use of white phosphorus shells and thermobaric bombs illegal under international law, of overcrowded hospitals with bloody floors where the grievously wounded have been dragged into alcoves. Never in human history has a warzone been more intensively documented. The Nazi concentration camps were photographed largely ex post facto, with a handful of images of deaths while they were actually occurring, leaving us to fill in the gaps with our imaginations and our personal views of hell. But Gaza leaves nothing to the imagination.

The IDF is looting jewellery and carpets, burning marts and homes, torching food and medicine, blowing up libraries and the seat of government, destroying hospitals, executing children and women in schools My Lai-style. All these are codified war crimes, and not banal by any yardstick.

The Israeli government shut down the internet in the early days of its Gaza genocide. It has since reconsidered, and news of a continuing bloodbath is central to its ethnocidal strategy—the more advertising the better. The Gazans disseminate news of butchery in order to end it, and the Israelis to further it and clear the way for more. A stranglehold on information is no longer considered essential for power.

Nor, today, is an anti-genocidal show of support for Gaza considered essentialist in liberal aesthetics. In August 1971, photographs of Pakistani soldiers executing Bangladeshis led to the sold-out Concert for Bangladesh in New York. The following years witnessed a liberal upsurge: a concert for Ethiopia in 1985; for Kurdish refugees in 1991; for Tibetan freedom in 1996; for Iraqi refugees in Iran in 2003; for Syrian refugees in 2016 and 2018; for Ukraine in March and August 2022.

More than 40 percent of the dead in Gaza are children. No one is singing a dirge for them or holding charity concerts. This, then, is the banality of evil.

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ANNAH Arendt's immortal phrase, "the banality of evil", is widely employed to describe the now-axiomatic belief that evil is neither operatic nor grand—it is quotidian, everyman and blasé. "A central logic of the democratic peace theory claims that public opinion acts as a powerful restraint against war," wrote Steve Chan and William Chafran in a paper, 'Public opinion as a constraint against war'.

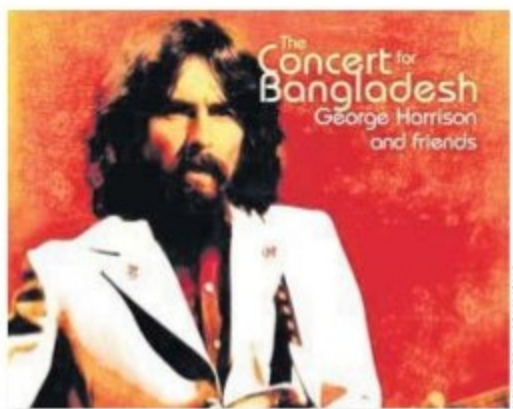
But the ongoing Gaza genocide seems to have put paid to both these observations. Public opinion no longer matters, to the degree that it no longer recognises evil as particularly banal—just commonplace.

Kofi Annan once said, "Information is liberating". The quote is an indicator of the sheer power of information—information as the plinth of freedomism, the *realpolitik* of suppressing information, the cleverness of using information as a ligament for the manipulation of public opinion.

The Gaza genocide says to hell with this, too. Information means nothing when faced with belief in the catharsis of mass bloodletting: Gazans must be wiped. So, what has changed in the world's cognisance? "The history of battle," wrote Paul Virilio in *War and Cinema: The Logistics of Perception*, "is primarily the history of radically changing fields of perception." While the terabytes of information leaving Gaza every day in the most publicly played-out of all anthropophagic brutalities in recent memory have provoked some huge rallies around the globe, it is telling that not a single one has swayed political support against Israel's hyper-aggression. It is changing nothing on the ground, or in the political war-rooms of the largely Western Israelist coalition, or in the designer studios of the news media.

"Conflict is the adrenalin of the media", observed Ajay K Rai in the article, 'Media at war: issues and limitations'. "The term 'shooting war' is aptly suggestive of both soldiers' and photojournalists' professions, as the camera owes its sighting mechanisms to those developed for artillery. Likewise, many means of transmission by which news from war zones reaches those at home evolved from the technologies originally pioneered to allow soldiers to communicate with one other (telegraphy and radio broadcasting)."

This is significant analysis—that the media and the military at war are and have always been intertwined. It is information—or data—exchange and dissemination that is the core competence of both.



NEW MEDIA COMMENTS

Evil becomes banal when public outcries fall on deaf ears. Dozens of relief concerts have been staged since the 1971 Concert for Bangladesh in New York. But not one has been held for Gaza yet

media organisation that has made a single, brief incursion into Gaza with Egypt's help is the American CNN. Nearly all the 90-odd journalists killed in Gaza—all of them reporting using cellphones and a few cameras—were affiliated to small news organisations that were essentially feeders for the major channels until they were exiled off the airwaves and had to turn to instant messaging and apps such as Telegram.

The Vietnam war slid into decline, and then closure, when reports from war correspondents entered the public domain. The visual testimonies from notable photojournalists of sweeping death and destruction in Vietnam became knowledge, and knowledge turned into public power: The massacre of noncombatants at My Lai be-

tion-ruled states.

The Centre also uses its police power over dissidents at the state level. The Enforcement Directorate and the Central Bureau of Investigation are used in a selective manner in some (read opposition-ruled) states. Selective use of the law demolishes the Rule of Law which, in the Indian context, is also a dominant threat to the nation's federal character.

When opposition members from certain states were suspended after they asked questions about the recent security breach, it gave an impression that even legitimate criticism is thrashed by the sheer majoritarianism of the current regime. The division among the people in states such as Manipur is also a testimony to the Centre's selective apathy. Such instances have caused genuine apprehensions about the future of federalism in India.

It is in this context that the Supreme Court's verdict on the abrogation of Article 370 was delivered. Many were worried what the Centre would do in the future with states which do not share the Centre's political ideology and method of governance. The court's verdict has its pros and cons. It reaffirmed the sovereignty of India, confirming the nation's integrity. It also fixed a timeframe for conducting elections in Jammu and Kashmir. These directives are commendable.

But sadly, the court did not fix a time limit for restoring J&K's statehood. Conversion of a state into a Union territory is not contemplated by the Constitution. Article 2 only concerns itself about "admission or establishment of new states". Article 3 is about the "formation of new states and alteration of areas, boundaries or names of existing states". Conversion of J&K into a Union territory by the Centre was apparently against the constitutional scheme. When this was challenged in court, the Centre cleverly conceded that it will restore J&K's statehood "as soon as possible". Despite clarity in the constitutional scheme, the court did not lay down the law and only recorded the Centre's assurance. By not fixing a time limit and not affirming the law on the point, the court has committed a serious omission. A major criticism against the verdict is that it did not address the federalist concerns. If the court had also directed that statehood should be restored before the election to be held by September 30, 2024, the message would have been loud and clear. It would have been a moral boost for the cause of Indian federalism, which unfortunately didn't happen.

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Odisha waterways

Ref: *Use waterways to boost Odisha coal movement* (Dec 20). It's really surprising that this aspect of coal movement in Odisha has gone untapped by the dynamic CM Naveen Patnaik despite being in the saddle for the last 4 terms. Now he should make it possible since Odisha is rich in resources and rivers that are navigable.

K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

Condemning Israel

Ref: *Didi, Kejri propose Kharge as INDIA bloc's PM face* (Dec 20). India's initiative to put an end to the conflict between Israel and Hamas is welcome. But India should refrain from assisting Israel, which is now facing attack from Yemen's Houthis. Under the guise of elimination of Hamas, Benjamin Netanyahu's government has been on a killing spree in which scores of civilians have lost their lives. Netanyahu's act is unpardonable.

V K Kumar, Thiruvananthapuram

Coalition cracks

Ref: *Didi, Kejri propose Kharge as INDIA bloc's PM face* (Dec 20). Cracks already seem to be appearing in the INDIA bloc after Mallikarjun Kharge's name was proposed as the PM face. Perhaps the Congress thinks a Dalit is most suitable for the post. But this is a pipe dream, as Kharge stated the party will decide the candidate after they win the elections.

K R Parvathy, Mysuru

Education gaps

Ref: *Students in rural K'taka fail to perform basic math calculations* (Dec 20). Our rural education ecosystem is in a pathetic state. Huge learning gaps, paucity of competent teachers and outdated methods have resulted in poor grasping levels. Emphasis should shift to basic learning rather than on exams.

Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Method clarity

Ref: *Telecom bill timely, but rethink needed on privacy breach* (Dec 20). You have rightly called for a debate on the Telecom bill to remove loopholes if any. The provision to allocate spectrum for satellite broadband services through an administrative method is welcome, there is a need for a debate on the details of the method to arrive at a transparent methodology.

R A Puram, Chennai

Flood relief

Due to Cyclone Michaung, the people of Tamil Nadu experienced a double whammy or double deluge this season. Thus there is a stupendous task in front of the authorities to undertake large-scale rescue and relief work. All the agencies—central and state—deserve appreciation for their work.

R Sampath, email

LS suspends 2 more MPs, total 143

Sonia Gandhi says democracy strangled by govt; Oppn will hold 'mock Parliament'

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AMID an escalating face-off between the Central government and the Opposition, two more opposition MPs were suspended from the Lok Sabha on Wednesday for waving placards in the House.

With this, the number of suspended MPs in the Lower House stands at 97. So far, 143 MPs have been suspended from both the Houses of Parliament since the December 13 security breach incident in the Lok Sabha.

The suspended MPs include Thomas Chazhikadan of the Kerala Congress (Mani) and A M Ariff of the CPI(M). The MPs were suspended after Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi moved a resolution, which was adopted by the House.

More than 140 members have been suspended since last week for allegedly disrupting House proceedings demanding a statement from Home Minister Amit Shah on the issue.

As the stand-off intensifies, Opposition leaders said that they will hold a protest march at Jantar Mantar against the suspension of MPs. The parliamentarians will also hold a "mock Parliament", according to sources. RJD MP Manoj Jha is likely to be the speaker for the mock proceedings.

The decision was taken at a



Congress MPs Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge with opposition leaders during a protest over the suspension of MPs in Parliament | PTI

meeting of the floor leaders of Opposition leaders of both the Houses at Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge's house. The leaders have also sought action against BJP MP Pratap Simha, who authorised the visitor pass for the intruders who jumped into the Lok Sabha gallery. Meanwhile, in a sharp re-

sponse to the suspension of the MPs, Congress leader Sonia Gandhi said that "democracy has been strangled by this government" for raising a "perfectly reasonable and legitimate demand".

Speaking at the Congress Parliamentary Party on Wednesday, Gandhi said, "Nev-

er before have so many Opposition Members of Parliament been suspended from the House, and that too, simply for raising a perfectly reasonable and legitimate demand."

The Congress leader said the Opposition MPs had only asked for a statement from the Home Minister on the "extraordinary events", when two intruders trespassed into the Lok Sabha chamber and set off coloured smoke, in a massive security breach.

"There are no words to describe the arrogance with which this request was treated," Gandhi said.

She said that the events that took place on December 13 were "inexcusable and cannot be justified".

"It took four days for the Prime Minister to address the nation and express his views on the incident, and he did so outside Parliament. By doing so, he indicated his disdain for the dignity of the House and his disregard for the people of our country. I leave it to you to imagine how the BJP would have responded had they been in opposition today," the Congress MP said.

The BJP government has conducted a "systematic assault on democracy and the institutions that are its essential pillars, including Parliament," the MP added.

BSNL WILL EMERGE STRONG: VAISHNAW

State-owned BSNL will emerge as a new and capable organisation as the Modi government is standing like a rock behind the public sector entity, Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday. Referring to contention of some members that the acronym of BSNL was 'Bhai Sahab Nahi Lagega', the minister said soon people will say 'Bhai Sahab Naya Lagega'. He also said the government has provided a package of ₹1.64 lakh crore to the entity.

'STUDENT ENROLMENTS IN SCHOOLS UP 26.5%'

There has been a growth of 26.5 per cent in student enrolments in schools and higher education institutions since 2014, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan told Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. He said there has been 31 per cent growth in enrolment among girls between 2014-15 and 2021-22 and the figure for girls belonging to Scheduled Castes was at 50 per cent. The enrolment growth for SC and ST students was 44 per cent and 65 per cent, respectively.



POWER CORRIDOR



West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee with Samajwadi Party MP Jaya Bachchan at Parliament House on Wednesday | PTI

BRING NSA UNDER HOUSE AMBIT, SAYS MP

Lok Sabha MP Simranjit Singh Mann on Wednesday demanded that the office of the National Security Advisor be brought under the purview of Parliament. Mann said the proposed legislations do not have any provisions on the National Security Advisor or include RAW director and IB director. "They are not responsible to Parliament and their secret services funds are not audited," he said.

TAX COLLECTION BILL PASSED

Parliament on Wednesday passed the Provisional Collection of Taxes Bill, 2023, that gives statutory backing to the government to collect taxes from midnight as per the announcement made in the Union Budget. The bill comes with provisions to refund taxes collected that have not been incorporated in the Finance Bill as per the budget for fiscal year starting April 1.

NOD TO RAISE CAP ON AGE OF PREZ, GSTAT MEMBERS

Parliament on Wednesday passed a bill to raise the age cap of president and members of the GST Appellate Tribunals to 70 years and 67 years, respectively. Rajya Sabha returned the Central Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2023 to Lok Sabha without any changes, thus completing the Parliamentary procedure for the bill. Lok Sabha had cleared the bill on Tuesday. The amendment was brought about after being suggested by the Chief Justice of India.

PM calls it abject theatrics, MP asks why mimicry taken seriously

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR & PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

A political crisis erupted on Wednesday over Trinamool Congress (TMC) Member of Parliament (MP) Kalyan Banerjee's mimicking of Vice-President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar during a protest by Opposition parties outside the new Parliament building on Tuesday.

The incident attracted widespread condemnation from senior officials, including the President, Prime Minister, Lok Sabha Speaker, and former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu.

Banerjee, while protesting alongside other MPs against the suspension of opposition members, imitated Dhankhar. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and others captured this act on their cellphones, sparking a significant debate.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi contacted the Vice-President, expressing his distress over the incident, which he termed 'abject theatrics.' Modi expressed disappointment, particularly because the mockery was directed at a constitutional office within the Parliament. In response, Dhankhar affirmed his commitment to constitutional values, resolving not to be deterred by such insults.

Dhankhar later posted on mi-



Jagdeep Dhankhar



Kalyan Banerjee

croblogging site X about receiving a call from Modi. "Received a telephone call from Prime Minister @narendramodi. He expressed great pain over the abject theatrics of some MPs, and that too in the sacred Parliament complex, yesterday," the Vice-President posted.

President Draupadi Murmu also expressed her dismay at the humiliation of the Vice-President within the Parliament complex, emphasizing the need for elected representatives to adhere to norms of dignity and courtesy.

Former Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu too condemned the act on social media, highlighting the importance of maintaining the dignity of constitutional offices.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla met with Dhankhar, describing the incident as a 'new low' in

parliamentary conduct. In solidarity, ruling party members, including ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Piyush Goyal and Nitin Gadkari, stood for about 10 minutes during Rajya Sabha proceedings.

Meanwhile, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee advised taking the incident lightly and refrained from further comment. Kalyan Banerjee defended his actions, stating he had no intention of causing harm, and questioned why his mimicry was taken so seriously. He compared it to past mimics by PM Modi in the Lok Sabha. Rahul Gandhi criticised the media's focus on the mimicry, urging coverage of other significant issues such as the suspension of MPs, economic concerns, and defence deals, while highlighting the disheartened perspective of MPs.

Proposed name of Kharge as INDIA's PM face: Mamata

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

A DAY after the key meeting of the INDIA bloc in the capital, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee confirmed on Wednesday that she has proposed Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge's name as the prime ministerial candidate for the opposition alliance. It was widely reported on Tuesday that Banerjee was the first to propose the name of the Congress President as the prospective PM face of the alliance.

At least 28 opposition parties have attended the meeting to chalk out strategies for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Speaking to reporters, Mamata Banerjee said, "Everyone was asking us who is the face of the alliance. I proposed Kharge's name and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal also backed my proposal. I have no news of anyone being unhappy with this."

However, Kharge responded on Tuesday that the priority is to win elections and the rest will be decided later.

It was also learnt that Mamata Banerjee has suggested Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra as the candidate from Varanasi seat against PM Modi. When asked about this, Banerjee said that "not all details of the meeting can be divulged."

'Be alert, don't panic': Mandaviya asks states, UTs to be Covid-ready

KAJITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

AS Covid cases witness a spike in the country, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Wednesday said there is a need to be alert but not panic. He asked the states and Union Territories to be prepared with mock drills of hospital preparedness, increased surveillance, and effective communication with people.

Mandaviya, who chaired a high-level Covid review meeting with health ministers of various states to assess the current status and hospital preparedness to combat the situation, stressed that health is not an area for any politics.

The meeting came on the day the ministry confirmed 21 cases of the new Coronavirus variant JN.1.

The JN.1, which is surging in many countries including the US, China and Singapore, has been declared by the World Health Organisation as a "variant of interest" after its rapid rise around the world.

While Goa has reported 19 cases of the JN.1 variant, Maharashtra and Kerala have recorded one case each, according to ministry officials.

According to Union health ministry data, three deaths were reported in Kerala. The country recorded 614 Covid cases, with over 500 from Kerala



Health minister Mansukh Mandaviya holds a review meeting on preparedness of the states and Union Territories to deal with spike in Covid-19 cases | x

alone, in the last 24 hours. This was the highest since May 20, when 756 cases were reported.

In his virtual meeting with state health ministers, which was also attended by Kerala's health minister Veena George, Mandaviya asked for smooth coordination between the Centre and the states to ensure efficient management of Covid.

Reminding that Covid is not over yet, he said the states need to monitor emerging evidence of Covid cases, symptoms and case severity to plan an appropriate public health response. "Let us undertake mock

drills once every three months at both the Central and state levels and share best practices," he said, as he urged all states and UTs to ensure preventive measures are taken, given the cold conditions during the winter, and the coming festival season.

NITI Aayog member V K Paul said that in the past two weeks, 16 deaths were reported in people with serious comorbidities. "Currently, there are around 2,300 active cases of Covid-19 in the country. The upsurge is due to the Covid JN.1 variant. There is no need to panic," he said.

Coast Guard to get 6 patrol vessels worth ₹1,600 cr

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Defence on Wednesday signed a contract with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) in Mumbai for procurement of six next generation offshore patrol vessels for the Indian Coast Guard.

"The contract was made under the Buy (Indian-IDD) (Indigenously designed, developed and manufactured) category at a total cost of ₹1,614.89 crore. Out of the six vessels being procured, four would replace the existing aging offshore patrol vessels and the other two would augment the Indian Coast Guard fleet," the defence ministry said in a statement.

The acquisition of these patrol vessels is aimed at boosting the Indian Coast Guard's capability and reinforcing the government's focus on maritime security, the statement said.

These modern and high-tech ships will play a critical role "in enhancing surveillance, law enforcement, search and rescue, maritime pollution response, and other capabilities such as

SECURING THE SHORE

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humanitarian assistance by the Indian Coast Guard," according to the ministry.

Informing about the high-tech advanced features and equipment, the defence ministry said that "these 115m off-

shore patrol vessels would be equipped with multi-purpose drones, Artificial Intelligence capability, and wirelessly controlled remote water rescue craft lifebuoy, enabling greater flexibility and operational edge

to the coast guard to face new age multidimensional challenges."

These multi-role vessels will be indigenously designed, developed and manufactured by MDL and is expected to be delivered in 66 months. The contract achieves the objectives of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' to boost the nation's indigenous shipbuilding capability, bolstering maritime economic activities and fostering the growth of ancillary industries, especially the MSME sector. The project will also generate employment opportunities and expertise development in the country.

The Indian Coast Guard came into being in February 1977 with a fleet strength of just seven ships for surveillance in the Indian waters and 2.01 million square kilometres of Exclusive Economic Zone. At present, it comprises 184 surface ships.

The Indian Coast Guard is an auxiliary service for Maritime Law Enforcement, undertaking 'safety and protection' tasks in Indian waters.

Land-for-jobs scam: Lalu, Tejashwi get ED summons in laundering case

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

THE Enforcement Directorate has summoned Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav and his father Lalu Prasad for questioning in connection with the 'land-for-jobs' money laundering case.

Notably, it is for the first time that Lalu Prasad will be questioned by the department while Tejashwi was also questioned earlier by the federal agency in April this year.

According to official sources, Tejashwi would have to appear before Enforcement Directorate officials on December 22, while his father has been summoned on December 27.

"We will record their statements under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) with regard to the railway case," sources said.

The fresh summons to the RJD leaders came almost a month after the ED arrested



Amit Katyal in connection with the same case on November 11. Sources confirmed that it was during Katyal's questioning that the ED got some fresh leads against the father-son duo.

The case relates to alleged appointments made in the railways in return for land parcels gifted or sold to Lalu Prasad's family when he was the railways minister between 2004 and 2009.

According to the ED, from 2004 to 2009, several people were appointed to Group D positions in various zones of the Indian



Railways, and in lieu, these people transferred their land to the family members of the then Railways minister Lalu Prasad Yadav and a linked company named A K Infosystems Private Limited in which Katyal held the post of director.

Pertinently, over the last few months, the probe agency has recorded the statements of former Bihar chief minister Rabri Devi, their daughters Misa Bharti (RJD MP in Rajya Sabha), Chanda Yadav and Ragini Yadav in connection with the case.

■ The 66-yr-old was among 8 top BJP leaders who contested Assembly polls ■ C'garh tribal leader's move may dent party

Ex-Union minister Tomar elected Assembly Speaker

The portrait controversy

The issue of country's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru's portrait being replaced with Dr BR Ambedkar's portrait in the main hall of the Vidhan Sabha, rocked the ongoing session. The issue was raised by the Congress MLAs, and the leader of opposition (LoP) Umang Singh. They maintained that they weren't opposed to putting up Dr Ambedkar's portrait in the assembly hall, they wanted to know why Nehru's portrait, which was removed, hasn't been put back in Assembly.

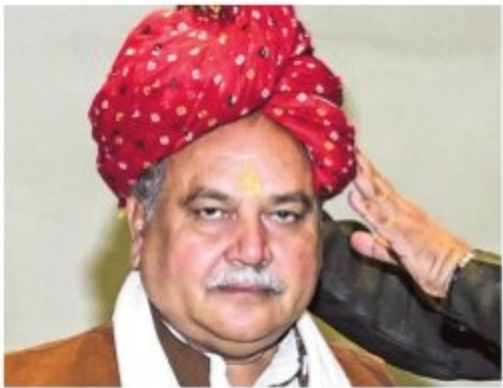
ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

A day after former chief minister Dr Raman Singh was unanimously elected as the Speaker of Chhattisgarh assembly, the Madhya Pradesh assembly on Wednesday elected former Union minister and senior BJP leader Narendra Singh Tomar as its Speaker.

The 66-year-old BJP politician from the Gwalior-Chambal region and former union agriculture minister was elected Speaker on the penultimate day of the inaugural session of the newly elected 16th Vidhan Sabha on Wednesday.

Tomar, who was among the eight BJP heavyweights (including seven MPs among them three Union ministers) who contested the recent assembly polls in their home state, won from the Dinani seat of home district Morena. Prior to it, he had won assembly polls from Gwalior seat in 1998 and 2003. Tomar had subsequently served as state BJP president in the 2008 and 2013 polls and was the convener of the ruling party's poll management committee this time.

He has thrice been Lok Sabha member, once from Gwalior seat and twice from Morena seat and once a Rajya Sabha member too from his home state. He was cabinet minister in the previous and current central governments headed by PM Narendra Modi.



Meanwhile, the issue of country's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru's portrait being replaced with Father of Indian Constitution Dr BR Ambedkar's portrait in the main hall of the Vidhan Sabha, rocked the ongoing session on the penultimate day.

The issue was raised in the House by the Congress MLAs, including the leader of opposition (LoP) Umang Singh; former ministers Ramniwas Rawat and Bala Bachchan.

They maintained that they weren't opposed to putting up Dr Ambedkar's portrait in the assembly main hall, they wanted to know why Nehru's portrait which was removed has not been put back in the Assembly. Tomar informed the House about constituting a panel which will recommend whose portrait will be put at which place in the Vidhan Sabha.

Leaders make a beeline to leave Cong after defeat

Some key party positions had been taken over by brokers and leftists and Chhattisgarh had turned into a centre for political tourism for party leaders based in Delhi

Chandrasekhar Shukla, Senior leader

Blame game for Cong

Post-defeat, the Congress has seen turmoil with many party leaders and cadres engaged in arguments, blaming each other for the loss. The party expelled two ex-MLAs for anti-party activities and poll drubbing.

EJAZ KAISER @ Jaipur

WITH yet another resignation, this time by a veteran tribal leader, the unrest and disappointment persist within the Chhattisgarh unit of the Congress following the defeat the party faced in the recent Assembly polls.

Nand Kumar Sai, 77, who resigned from the BJP after a 45-year old association with the saffron party, joined the Congress in May this year.

The BJP stalwart switching allegiance then to the ruling party in an election year was cited as a significant political development.

He was a popular tribal face for the BJP and the Centre had appointed him as the chairman of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes in 2017. Sai on Wednesday cited the existing circumstances as the reason behind his decision to resign from the primary membership of the party as conveyed to the state Congress president Deepak Baij. Incidentally, Nand Kumar Sai and chief minister Vishnu Deo Sai are both from Jashpur and had represented the BJP from Tapkara Assembly constituency on different occasions in the undivided Madhya Pradesh.

A three-time Lok Sabha member and three-time MLA, Sai while joining the Congress had claimed that he was deeply pained to see the BJP as created by Atal Bihari Vajpayee and L K Ad-



vani no longer existed. He was also a member of Rajya Sabha twice.

Earlier, ex-MLA Chunnilal Sahu tendered his resignation as the state vice-president of Congress, underlining defection after the party's unexpected defeat. Two-time legislator and chief of Dudhadhari Matha (Hindu monastery) Mahant Ramsundar Das who lost to BJP's Brijmohan Agrawal in Raipur-south constituency by a record margin and another ex-MLA Mohit Kerkatta who represented Pali-Tanakhar seat have already resigned from the primary membership.

Post-defeat, the Congress party has been witnessing turmoil with many party leaders and cadres engaged in serious arguments, blaming each other for the loss. The party expelled two former MLAs on grounds of anti-party activities and accusing senior Congress leaders for the poll drubbing.

Ahead of '24 elections, Gujarat Cong in a spot as MLAs likely to quit

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A new trend of resignations in Gujarat politics has started with the recent resignations of an MLA from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and one from the Congress. Meanwhile, Kirit Patel, Congress' Patan MLA, told the media on Wednesday that "three to four resignations from Congress are coming soon."

"I believe three to four MLAs (from Congress) will leave soon. If the Congress party wants to win in Gujarat, it must convene an immediate organizational meeting. Steps must be taken to prevent MLAs from resigning. BJP would have tackled the issue by holding an emergency organizational meeting. If a person's voice is not heard, he will step out," said Patel.

Kirit Patel is not the only Congress representative to suggest that additional MLAs may resign; earlier this week, its Khambhat MLA Chirag Patel, who resigned from the party on Tuesday, told the media that several Congress MLAs will leave the party in the coming days.

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From 2017 to 2022, the BJP provided tickets to 12 former MLAs who left the Congress and fielded them in the last Assembly elections, but only nine of them were elected.

With Congress lawmakers defecting to the BJP, the BJP gained 156 seats in the 2022 elections, while the Congress won only 17 seats out of 182 Assembly seats.

With the resignation of Khambhat MLA Chirag Patel, the Congress tally has shrunk from 17 to 16.

86-yr-old man among 87 laid to rest in Manipur mass burial

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

A mass burial was organised in strife-torn Manipur's Churachandpur district on Wednesday for 87 Kuki-Zo tribals, including eight females, who had lost their lives in the ethnic violence.

The oldest of the victims was an 86-year-old male, while the youngest was a one-month-old boy.

Earlier, 41 bodies lay at the morgues of two hospitals in Imphal for several months as nobody came forward to claim them in the midst of the violence. Eventually, the bodies were airlifted to Churachandpur on December 14. The remaining 46 bodies were brought to the site of burial from the morgue of Churachandpur civil hospital.

The bodies of 23 others were also airlifted on the same day last week. The bodies of 19 Kuki-Zo tribals were taken to Kangpokpi from Imphal while those of four Meiteis were transported to Imphal from Churachandpur. Later, the last rites were performed.

The shifting of the bodies followed a November 29 direction from the Supreme Court which asked the Manipur government to take steps so the last rites of the victims could



A mass burial was organised in Churachandpur district on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Bodies airlifted

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be performed in a "decent and dignified" manner.

The mass burial in Churachandpur was organised at the Martyrs' Cemetery near Sehenk village where hundreds of people turned up to pay their

last respect. Earlier, a condolence service and prayers were organised at a ground in Tui-buong in the district.

Two days ago, a clash had broken out between Kuki and Zomi tribals in Churachandpur, prompting the authorities to impose Section 144 of the CrPC for two months. More than 20 people were injured in the incident which occurred reportedly due to alleged disagreement over the naming of the burial site.

The ethnic violence between Kuki-Zo tribals and Meiteis, which broke out on May 3, left some 200 people dead and 60,000 others displaced.

Hundreds of religious institutions were also either torched or damaged.

After drubbing, Raj Cong stages protest in House

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE inaugural session of the 16th Assembly in Rajasthan commenced on Wednesday, with newly elected MLAs taking their oath on the first day of the two-day session. Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma initiated the oath-taking ceremony, followed by Deputy CMs Diya Kumari and Premchand Bairwa.

Subsequently, all MLAs pledged their commitment as assembly members.

On Thursday, the MLAs will convene to elect the Speaker of the Assembly. The BJP has already nominated Vasudev Devnani for the role, and being in majority, his election seems inevitable.

As the House proceedings began, Congress members, including former CM Ashok Gehlot and former Deputy CM Sachin Pilot, wore black bands in protest against the suspension of Opposition MPs in Parliament. Congress state president Govind Singh Dotasara opposed the suspension from the day of oath-taking, condemning it as an attack on democracy. Protem Speaker Kalicharan Saraf intervened, stating it was not allowed, leading to Dotasara's removal from the House proceedings.



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₹100 cr spent on repair work by ministers, officials

The Maharashtra State Assembly's winter session takes place in Nagpur for three weeks. After the session, the state government's Public Works Department undertakes repair work of the residences of ministers, MLAs/MLCs, and bureaucrats, where over ₹100 crore is squandered each year for 15 days. Ministers and bureaucrats ask civil contractors to replace pairs of everything from refrigerators to washing machines, along with a varied number of chappals as well. The contractors have a hard time providing specific maids that ministers have used for years. They prefer not to have new but prefer experienced ones.



BJP mulls contesting '24 polls without alliance

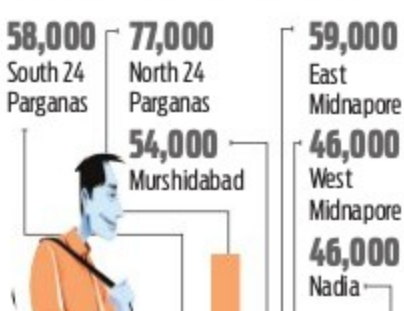
After their major victory in three northern states, the BJP is contemplating whether they can contest the 2024 Lok Sabha and state assembly elections on their own and win as many seats as possible. The second option emerging is to ask prominent leaders of alliance partners, who are strong in their constituencies, to contest on the BJP symbol. Brainstorming and surveys are being carried out to get ground feedback. The BJP believes it no longer needs to carry the baggage of tainted and compromised members of its alliance partners.

'Seat-sharing for LS polls must take place in Delhi'

The INDIA alliance partners, Sharad Pawar-led NCP and Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT), asked the top leadership of the Congress that the seat-sharing for the Lok Sabha should take place in Delhi with the central leaders of the party only. Both regional parties complained that in the last Lok Sabha election, the Congress party won only a few seats but is demanding 15 to 18 seats and laying claim over seats traditionally contested and won by alliance partners. They believe that the discussion of seat-sharing will not proceed in a positive direction if local Congress leaders are involved in the talks.

Lukewarm response among Bengal youth to join poll process, finds survey

APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT IN VOTERS' LIST



PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

WITH just months left for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, more than 50 per cent of the newly eligible electorate in West Bengal are "not interested" to participate in the upcoming Lok Sabha electoral exercise.

A survey conducted by the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), West Bengal, revealed when the state's 15 lakh youths are presently eligible to exercise their franchise in the upcoming elections, only around 7 lakh of them enrolled themselves in the list of voters.

During the course of the survey, the booth-level officers (BLO) came across scores of new voters who are not interested to participate in the next year's general elections. "Most of them showed no interest saying they will enrol their names in the voters' list before the next electoral exercise as there are four chances a year to get enrolled in the list of eligible electorates," said a BLO. The BLOs conducted the sur-

vey by making door-to-door visits. "When we asked the eligible new voters for the reason for not applying to get themselves enrolled in the voters' list, most of them said they would do it in the next phase of the process. When we told them that they would not be able to exercise their franchise in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, it proved not enough to attract the new voters," said the officer.

The CEO, Aariz Aftab, expressed his concern over the reluctance of the new voters in a meeting with the officials of his department.

In the 2019 general elections, West Bengal had the maximum number of first-time electorates who had enlisted themselves in the voters' list followed by Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

According to Election Commissions' data, 20.1 lakh first time voters enlisted their names in the list of eligible electorates when the figure was 16.7 lakh and 13.6 lakh Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh respectively.

Gulmarg resort booked out for X-mas, New Year

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE world famous ski resort Gulmarg in Jammu and Kashmir will be teeming with people during Christmas and New Year as all hotels and guest houses in the snow-decked resort have been booked by tourists.

The hill station in north Kashmir is abuzz with tourists even now. The slopes of Gulmarg are covered with a thick blanket of snow during the winters and the tourists enjoy snow slides and snowboarding in the picturesque place.

All the hotels in Gulmarg are fully booked for Christmas and New Year as tourists are thronging the place to celebrate Christmas and New Year in the snow-decked tourist destination.

Travel Agents Association of Kashmir (TAAK) president Rauf Tramboosaid Gulmarg is fully booked and Pahalgam tourist resort in south Kashmir has been witnessing a good footfall of tourists during the winters and it has now increased for Christmas and New Year festivities. "People want to have white



Early snowfall behind huge footfall

Travel Agents Association of Kashmir president Rauf Tramboosaid there has been early winter and snowfall in the state. This is attracting more tourists to the Valley, especially to the hill station. He said tourist stakeholders are also satisfied with the present footfall.

Christmas and that is why they are interested in visiting Gulmarg. This year there has been early winter and early snowfall and this is attracting more tourists to the Valley, especially this hill station," he said.

He said the tourist stakeholders are satisfied with the present footfall of tourists in different tourist destinations including Gulmarg, Pahalgam

and Srinagar.

According to Tramboosaid, the tourists are mostly from Maharashtra, Gujarat and West Bengal but travelers from south India are also now travelling to Kashmir during the winter to enjoy snowfall here.

He said a good number of foreign tourists, including from Russia, are in the Gulmarg to enjoy skiing and other

winter sports.

The tourists visiting Gulmarg are awestruck by the picturesque beauty of the place, which is covered by snow capped mountains.

"This is my 4th visit to Kashmir. I have come to celebrate Christmas in Gulmarg. This place gives a look of wonderland and staying here and celebrating Christmas in snow will be a lifetime experience," said a tourist from West Bengal.

She said Gulmarg is a very beautiful and must-visit place and a person should pay a visit at least once to this wonderland. Zahoor Qari, chairman Nageen Travel Trade Association and former TAAI Kashmir chapter president said Gulmarg is fully booked while Srinagar is also getting a good footfall.

He said some tourists directly after landing at Srinagar airport travel to Gulmarg and after spending a few days there return to their places.

According to hoteliers, there are 900 rooms and 1,800 beds in all the hotels in Gulmarg and all hotels are booked till mid-January.

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE (T&P)/SEE-1/EE(T3)/AEE-T11/2023-24/ 9967-74

Date : 20.12.2023

BRIEF SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids on electronic mode against the following enquiry Nos. for Design, Manufacture, Testing, Inspection and Supply of Power Transformers of various capacities as detailed below conforming to KPTCL Technical Specifications, F.O.R.D at Store/Site basis, including insurance, transportation and unloading.

Sl. No.	Enquiry No.	Description	Availability of Tender documents in KPP portal	Last date and time for receipt of Bids
1	KPTCL/2023-24/IND0039	27 Nos. of 12.5MVA, 66/11KV Power Transformers along with Nitrogen Injection Fire Protection Systems.	On or after 22.12.2023 15:00 Hrs	12.01.2024 15:00 Hrs
2	KPTCL/2023-24/IND0044	09 Nos. of 20MVA, 66/11KV Power Transformers along with Nitrogen Injection Fire Protection Systems.	On or after 27.12.2023 15:00 Hrs	17.01.2024 15:00 Hrs
3.	KPTCL/2023-24/IND0045	13 Nos. of 31.5MVA, 66/11KV Power Transformers along with Nitrogen Injection Fire Protection Systems.	On or after 28.12.2023 15:00 Hrs	18.01.2024 15:00 Hrs

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> with hyperlink "e procurement kptcl" or <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> Any extension of last date of bid submission will be intimated in **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal**. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

All Corrigendums / Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the bids.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy., Tendering & Procurement, KPTCL,
3rd Floor, 'B' Block, Kaveri Bhavan, Bangalore - 09.

Public Notice For E-Auction For Sale of Immovable Properties				
Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No. 38, Udoy Vihar, Phase-IV, Regd-Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana) and Branch Office at "ADAM CHAMBERS", #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560029 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002(hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the details of the said IFL-HFL had earlier been placed in the public domain for the purpose of the sale pursuant to the notice issued under IAS 13(2) of the following loan accounts/prospect nos, with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" for realization of IFL-HFL's debts, The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.iflhome.com.				
Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower (s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset	Date of Physical Possession	Reserve Price
1. Mr. M Marula Siddhala 2. Mrs.A.S Chandrakala (Prospect No 9599911 IL1012779)	22-06-2023/ Rs.42,421/- (Rupees) Thirty Three Lakh Four Thousand Two Hundred Twenty One Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing S Site No. 123/13/231319, Contnue Khatu No. 23139 Admesingur Land Area 1440 Sq. Ft. Carpet Area 787.5 Sq. Ft., Built Up Area 1050 Sq. Ft., Myanahali Village, Neelamangala, Neelamangala, Bangalore Rural, 562123, Karnataka, India.	05-05-2023 Total Outstanding As On Date 04-06-2023 Rs. 33,67,346/- (Rupees) Thirty Three Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Forty Six Only)	Rs. 29,59,000/- (Rupees) Twenty Nine Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 2,95,900/- (Rupees) Two Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred Only)
1. Mr. Shaik A.M.R Traders 2. M Mrs. Razia Sultana (Prospect No 790123 943074)	11-04-2022 Rs.23,34,955/- (Rupees) Twenty Nine Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Five Only)	All that part and parcel of the property Flat No.108, First Floor, C Block Area Ad measuring having super built-up area of 925 square feet consisting Two bed room, hall, kitchen, balconies and toilets, and extra terrace 35 square feet along with proportionate 552.43 square feet (Approximate) of undivided share, Span Jangal, Midwada (Bangalore Village), Hosangudi, Hosangudi Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, 562106, Karnataka, India.	07-06-2023 Total Outstanding As On Date 04-06-2023 Rs.30,82,223/- (Rupees) Thirty Lakh Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Four Only)	Rs. 30,52,000/- (Rupees) Thirty Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.3,05,200/- (Rupees) Three Lakh Five Thousand Two Hundred Only)
Date of Inspection of Property 22-06-2023 10:00 hrs - 1400 hrs. EMD Last Date 22-06-2023 24-06-2023 Date/Time of Auction 24-06-2023 10:00 hrs - 1400 hrs.				
Mode Of Payment: EMD payments are to be made via online mode only. To make payments you have to visit https://www.iflhome.com and pay through link available for the property/ Secured Asset only.				
Note: Payment link for each property/ Secured Asset is different. Ensure you are using link of the property/ Secured Asset you intend to buy/vide public auction. For balance payment, upon successful bid, has to pay through RTGS/NEFT. The accounts details are as follows: a) Name of the Account- IFL Home Finance Ltd. b) Name of the Bank- State Bank of India. c) Branch- Bangalore. d) IFSC Code- SBIL0036001. e) Bank Address: Standard Chartered Bank, 90 M.G. Road, Fort, Mumbai-400001.				
TERMS AND CONDITIONS:				
1. For participating in e-auction, Intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider https://www.iflhome.com with pay in advance and has to create the login account, login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit / send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned address.				
2. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.				
3. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 48 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.				
4. The purchaser has to bear the costs, expenses, duties, taxes, levies, charges or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land, and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.				
5. Bidders are advised to go through the website https://www.iflhome.com and https://www.iflhome.com/home-lands/properties-for-sale for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale. auction applications can be submitted before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.				
6. For details, help and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E mail: infoauction@iflhome.com, Support Helpline Numbers: 1800 2672 499.				
7. For any query related to Property details, Inspection of Property and Online bid, call IFL HFL toll free no. 1800 2672 499 from 09:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email: auction@iflhome.com.				
8. Notice is hereby given to all the householders/tenants, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of the property under the circumstances.				
9. Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrowers, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law.				
10. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder/ auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the successful bidder/ auction purchaser shall be liable to pay the amount of the bid to the lender.				
11. AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason therefor. In case of any dispute in tender/auction, the decision of AO of IFL-HFL shall be final.				
STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (b) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002				
The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the said amount along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues will be recovered with interest and cost.				
Place:- Bangalore Rural, Date: 21-06-2023		Sd/- Authorised Officer, IFL Home Finance Limited		

 BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD					
INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only through kpp portal)					
BWSSB invites tenders from registered Agencies for the following works.					
Office of the Chief Engineer (Kaveri-O&M), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.					
Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender EMD Amount	Last date & time for receipt of tender	Date & time for opening of tender
1	Kaveri (O&M)-1	BWSSB/EE(K-O&M)-1/ STR/2045/2023-24 Date: 18.12.2023	Rs. 63,17,581/-	20.01.2024 upto 4.00 pm	22.01.2024 after 4.00 pm
2			Rs. 1,27,000/-		
		BWSSB/EE(K-O&M)-1/ TE/AE1/2047/2023-24 Date: 18.12.2023	Rs. 55,29,480/-	20.01.2024 upto 4.00 pm	22.01.2024 at 4.00 pm
			Rs. 1,11,000/-		
Sd/- Executive Engineer (Kaveri-O&M)-1					
Office of the Chief Engineer (North), 2nd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.					
3	North-1	BWSSB/EEN-1/TO/ 1768/2023-24 Date: 16.12.2023 (2nd Call)	Rs. 17,30,768/-	04.01.2024 upto 3.00 pm	05.01.2024 after 4.00 pm
			Rs. 51,060/-		
Sd/- Executive Engineer (North-1)					
Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.					
4	South West-1	BWSSB/EESW-1/TO/ PB/3843/2023-24 Date: 19.12.2023	Rs. 8,72,380/-	05.01.2024 upto 4.00 pm	08.01.2024 after 3.00 pm
			Rs. 25,750/-		
Sd/- Executive Engineer (South West-1)					
Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM-West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.					
5	(WWM-N) V. Vally	BWSSB/EE(WWM-N-V.V)/ PB/879/2023-24 Date: 18.12.2023 (2nd Call) (Reserve for ST category)	Rs. 14.36 Lakhs	28.12.2023 upto 5.30 pm	30.12.2023 at 4.00 pm
			Rs. 21,200/-		
Sd/- Executive Engineer (WWM-N) V. Vally					
The details regarding participation in the tendering process and tender can be obtained by logging on to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.					
DIPR/CP/2643/AKAR/2023-24					

UNIMONI FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED
R/O: N.G. 12 & 13 Ground Floor, North Block, Manjalpet Centre,
Dickenson Road, Bangalore - 560 042. CIN No.U85110KA1995PLC018175

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public that Auction of pledged Gold Ornaments will be conducted by Unimoni Financial Services Limited on **26.12.2023** at 10:00 am at N.O. 483/885, FIRST FLOOR, CIVIL HOSPITAL ROAD, AYODHYA NAGAR, KARNATAKA, 590001. The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Loan Accounts of our various Customers who have failed to pay their dues. Our notices of auction have been duly issued to these borrowers. The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Overdue Loan Accounts of our various Customers mentioned below with branch name.

Loan Nos: BANGALORE - KORAMANGALA (BAK) – 1993176.

For more details, please contact : **Mr. Chandrhasa K - 7907576110**
(Reserves the right to alter the number of accounts to be auctioned & postpone / cancel the auction without any prior notice.)

Government of Karnataka
Agricultural Produce Market Committee,
Shikaripura
Phone: 08187-222261
ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಕಛೇರಿ ದೂರಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08187-222247
E-Mail ID: apmcshikaripura@rediffmail.com
No.:AMD/APMC/Sh/701/2023-24 Date: 15.12.2023

Brief Short-Term-Tender Notice (2nd Call)

Itemwar tender is invited in two cover systemthrough e-procurement portal of GoKhttp://kppp.karnataka.gov.infor various works of construction in the limits of Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Shikaripura approved under NABARD in A.P.M Committee Shikaripura.

Sl.No. 1. Name of Work : CONSTRUCTION OF COVERED AUCTION PLTFORM IN SHANDY MAIDANA, CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL SHOPS IN MAIN MARKET YARD, CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL GODOWNS IN DIFFRENT VILLAGES OF SHIKARIPURA TALUK UNDER RIDF-28 2022-23. **Reservation of Contractor: General Amount put to Tender (Rs. In lakhs): 1285.27 E.M.D. Amount (In Rs.): 15,00,000/- Tender Processing Fee:** As per (KW-4) e-portal **Class of Eligible Contractor:** Class 1 Civil Contractor **Registered with PWD Time period for Work:** 9 Months (Excluding Rainy Season)

1. Date of Pre-Bid Meeting and giving clarification to queries: 18.12.2023: At 11.00 AM **2.** Last date and time for receipt of tender: 28.12.2023 Up to 5.00 PM **3.** Date and time of opening Technical Bid: 30.12.2023 At 5.15 PM **4.** Date and time of opening Financial Bid (if possible) Will be intimated later **5.** 18% G.S.T. will be paid separately

Terms and conditions of the Tender can be obtained from the Secretary during working hours other than on holidays or from <http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> Further information can be obtained through phone no. 08187-222261 of the office of the Committee. The Committee reserves the Right to accept or reject the Tenders without assigning any reason.

Sd/- (Gadigaiah) Secretary, APMC, Shikaripura	Sd/- (Mallesha Beerappa Poojar) Administrative Officer APMC, Shikaripura
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DIPR/smg/No.73/12/kscma/23-24/927

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **M/s MNC Properties, A Partnership Firm** having its office at No. 23, Sree Sai Building, C.P. Road, 2nd Floor, Near More Shopping Mall, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru-560 036, represented by its Partner **Sri. Channakeshavalu** has lost/ misplaced the original Sale Deed dated: 30-03-2009, pertaining to Land bearing Sy. No. 227, Kaska. No. 20/94, measuring South to West: 40.0 Feet and North to South: 60.0 Feet, situated at Kalkere Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, now comes under the limits of B.B.M.P., having acquired the same under a registered Sale Deed dated: 28-04-2002, executed by Sri. L. Srinivas in my clients favour, in 18-11-2002, which was travelling in bus-tandem No. 2400, when the Original Sale Deed dated: 30-03-2009, registered as Document No. C.N.S-1-04985/2008-09, Book-1, stored in C.D. No. BNSD 31, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Banaswadi, Bengaluru, which was executed by Mr. Cyni Mani and Mr. Amita Mehta, both the vendors, Sri. Srinivasa, which is handed over to my client at the time of registration of the sale deed, in spite of his best efforts above said original document has not been traced out so far, in this regard my client has lodged a police complaint through No. 08577/2023 dated 12-03-2023 vide Last Report No. 08577/2023, the copy of which is traced out so far. If anybody is having custody over the above mentioned document or find the same, they shall communicate /contact me with original Sale Deed and handed over the same to me.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy. No. 227, Kaska No. 20/94, measuring East to West: 40.0 Feet and North to South: 60.0 Feet, the area is 2400 Square Feet, situated at Kalkere Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, now comes under the limits of B.B.M.P., and bounded on: **East**: by Sy. No. 228, **West**: by Sy. No. 226, **North**: by Sy. No. 238, **South**: by 30 Feet Road.

Sri. ASHOK M.R., Advocate
No. 1132, Hanchical Road, 1st Floor, Road No. 1132, Hanchical Road, Bengaluru-560 053.
Mob. No. 98906 88365.

SERVICES LIMITED rth Block, Manipal Centre, IN No.U85110KA1995PLC018175 OTICE pledged Gold Ornaments will be imited on 26.12.2023 at 10:00 am SPITAL ROAD, AYODHYA NAGAR, ts to be auctioned belong to Loan have failed to pay their dues. Our to these borrowers. The Gold due Loan Accounts of our various me. LA (BAK) - 1993176. andrahaka K - 7907576110 umber of accounts to be ction without any prior notice.)		BENGALURU	THURSDAY 21.12.2023	THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS																				
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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002		You, the under mentioned Borrower/Mortgagor is hereby informed that the company has initiated proceedings against you under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the Notice Under 13(2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Ack. Due for Borrower's has been returned undelivered. Hence, you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with interest accruing therefrom within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-Sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needles to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the company.																						
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01	Loan Account No.'s :- HE02ALO00000002514 & X0HEALO00002901705 (1) Chethan Chandrashekar Kyalanur (applicant) No.770, 9th Main Road, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560079 (2) M/s. Buddha Education Society (Co. applicant) No.103/6, 40 Feet Road, NGEF Layout, Mellathahalli, Bangalore South, Karnataka - 560056 (3) Kyalanoor Chandrashekar (co.applicant) No.770, 9th Main Road, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore, Bangalore North, Karnataka-560079 (4) Kamalamma H C (Co. applicant) No.770, 9th Main Road, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore, Bangalore North, Karnataka-560079 (5) M/S. LUV 2 FIT (Co.Applicant) No.7/a, 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwara Alagar, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560079.	Rs. 54,00,000/- Rs. 2,95,41,736/-	14.07.2023 & Rs. 3,53,79,604/- as on 14.07.2023 together with interest thereon.																					
Schedule 'A' [Schedule of Property] : All That Piece And Parcel of the Property Bearing Site No.770, Situated At : West of Chord Road, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block, Bangalore now presently comes under BBMP limits and bounded on : East By : Site No.769, West By : Site No.771, North By : Site No.757, South By : Road, Measuring 40.1/2 X (61.1/2 + 60.1/2) 2 Feet, And Along With Building Construction Thereon. Within the registration district of bangalore and Sub Registration Office.																								
Date: 19.12.2023 Place : Bangalore		Sd/- Authorised Officer Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited.																						



HDFC BANK

HDFC BANK LIMITED

Regd Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013

Branch Office: HDFC Bank Ltd, HDFC House, No.51, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru-560 001

Tel:-080-41183000, CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with **HDFC Bank Limited** by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice(s), incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of The Property
1	Mrs. L Gayathri Wife of Mr. Hanumantha Raya H (Borrower) [since deceased], Mr. Guruprasad Hanumantharaya S/o Hanumantharaya H (Borrower) [since deceased], Mr. H Chandrashekhara S/o Mr. Hanumantha Raya H (Borrower) [since deceased], Mr. H Rajesh S/o Mr. Hanumantha Raya H (Borrower) [since deceased], Mrs. Geetha H (wife of Late H Bharathi) Daughter in Law of Mr. Hanumantha Raya H (Borrower) [since deceased] & And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s) of Mr. Hanumantha Raya H (Borrower) [since deceased], Mr. Guruprasad Hanumantharaya (Co-Borrower-1), Mr.H Chandrashekhara (Co-Borrower-2), Mr. H Rajesh (Co-Borrower-3) and Mrs. L Gayathri (Co-Borrower-4) (hereinafter referred to as the "said Borrower")	Loan Account No. (1) 615831643 Rs.31,98,427/- (2) 633267345 Rs.31,70,980/- (3) 634119376 Rs.2,29,545/- Total Amount Rs.65,98,952/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Two Only) as on 31.07.2023	08.09.2023	20.12.2023	All the piece and parcel of site No.847 , in Mahalakshmi Layout Extension measuring East to West 30'-0 feet, North to South 55'-0 feet together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on: Eastby : Site No.848, West by : Site No.846, North by : Road South by: Site No.864. And any construction there present and future.

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

However, since the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken symbolic possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/ them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above. The borrower(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immoveable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immoveable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC. Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset(s). Copies of the Panchanama drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date : 21.12.2023

Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer

HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
 [See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co Borrowers/ Guarantors Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Srikanth Upadhyay (Borrower) Vandana Upadhyay (Co-Borrowers) Loan Account Number LBBNG00005044376	(Description of The Undivided Share Hereby Conveyed) 3064/ 758237th Undivided Share, Right, Title, Interest and Ownership in The Land in Schedule 'A' Property (Which Comes to 1180 Square Feet of Land Share). Flat 1 Details All The Piece and Parcel of The Residential Apartment Bearing No. 802 on The Eighth Floor of The Block- 'Delphi' and Forming One of The Buildings in The 'Acropolis' Constructed on The Schedule 'A' Property, Admeasuring 3064 Square Feet of Super Built Up Area Approximately Inclusive of Proportionate Share In The Common Areas, Such as Passages, Lobbies, Lifts, Staircases and Other Areas of Common Use With Restricted Rights to Use Terrace Area to Reach The Lift Room and The Water Tank For Repairs, if Any, With One Covered Car Parking Space in The Basement Floor. The Said Residential Apartment is Now Known as and Bears The Separate New Municipal No. 20/ 64 (Old No.802), Pid No. 63-159-20/64, at Dr. M. H. Marigowda Road, Adugodi, Ward No. 63- Lakkasandra, Bengaluru. Flat 2 Details (Description of The Apartment Hereby Conveyed) All The Piece and Parcel of The Residential Apartment Bearing No. 801 on The Eighth Floor of The Block- 'Delphi' and Forming One of The Buildings in The 'Acropolis' Constructed on The Schedule 'A' Property, Admeasuring 3064 Square Feet of Super Built Up area Approximately Inclusive of Proportionate Share in The Common Areas, Such as Passages, Lobbies, Lifts, Staircases and Other Areas of Common Use With Restricted Rights to Use Terrace Area to Reach The Lift Room and The Water Tank For Repairs, if any, With Two Covered Car Parking Spaces in The Basement Floor. The Said Residential Apartment is Now Known as and Bears The Separate New Municipal No. 20/ 63 (Old No.801), Pid No. 63-159-20/63, at Dr. M. H. Marigowda Road, Adugodi, Ward No. 63- Lakkasandra, Bengaluru. East By: Hosur- Bengaluru Road; West By: Hosur- Bengaluru Road; North By: Private Property in S. No. 67; and South By: Private Property in S. No. 151	Rs. 10,60, 19,950/- (as on December 14, 2023)	Rs. 9,75, 00,000/- Rs. 97, 50,000/-	January 03, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	February 03, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** (www.disposalhub.com). The Mortgagees/ noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **February 02, 2024 before 04:00 PM** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068** on or before **February 02, 2024 before 05:00 PM** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **February 02, 2024 before 05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068** on or before **February 02, 2024 before 05:00 PM**. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Bangalore.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited on 9844542086/ 8008999536/ 7304918084**.

Please note that Marketing agencies **1. M/s Matex Net Pvt. Ltd. 2. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : December 21, 2023
Place : Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
E-TENDER NOTICE
No. ERS/SG/CN/2023/OT/08

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Construction, Ernakulam invites E-Tender for the following works.

1) **Name of the work:** Provision of primary outdoor signalling arrangements for Kanyakumari - Nagercoil Town section doubling in connection with doubling of track between Thiruvananthapuram - Kanyakumari.

2) **Approximate cost of the work:** ₹ 2,06,43,091/-; 3) **Cost of Tender Form:** Nil; 4) **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):** ₹ 2,53,200/-; 5) **Completion Period of work:** 3 (Three) Months; 6) **Tender Closing Date & Time:** 08.01.2024, 15.30 hrs; 7) **Notice board particulars** where details of can be obtained : **Office of the Dy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, (Construction), Southern Railway, Ernakulam Junction.**

Note: 1. GST as per extant rules is applicable for the supply and services by the tenderer. 2. Visit www.reps.gov.in for detailed terms and conditions and other details. 3. Rates are inclusive of GST.

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IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE, BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT AT BANGALURU

S.S. No. 551/2017

BETWEEN: Sri. Emmanuel Paul, S/o. Paul M. Aged about 52 years, Rst. No. 386/37, Rohabath, South, Cotton Road, Lions Town, Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, Presently R/tat No. 69, 2nd Main, 2nd Block, Ayyappa Nagar, Devasandra Main Road, K.R. Puram, Bangalore - 560 066. ...Plaintiff
AND: Praveen K.N. & Another ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANCE No. 1 & 2
Address for service of notice.

1) **Sri. Praveen K.N.** Son of K.K. Narayan, Aged about 52 years, R/tat. Deshpalagan, Civil Station Post, Kurnur-2.

2) **Smt. I.S. Sridevi,** Do. Late I S Shivaraman, aged about 41 years, R/tat. No. 1, 209/2, Head Quarters Training Command, Indian Air Force, J.C. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 006.

Take notice that the above named plaintiff has filed the above suit against both of you seeking for the relief of permanent injunction in respect of the suit, schedule property. That you are hereby directed to appear in person or through counsel at on **17th day of January 2024** to answer the claim, failing which the above matter will be heard placing you ex parte.

SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.6, Katta No. 21/5/8, Property No.21/5, situated at Basavanapura, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, previously under the limits of K.R. Puram, CMC, Bangalore measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South : 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 sq.ft. and bounded on:
East by: Road, West by: Site No. 7, North by: Site No.6, South by: Site No.10.
Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 20th day of December 2023.

By order of the Court, Sheristadar, Ptl. Civil Judge's Court, Bangalore (R) Dist. Bangalore, Advocate for Plaintiff: P.R. PRABHU, Advocate No.4, C.K. Complex, 4th Cross, Chikkasandra, Bangalore-560 057, Mob: 9845911761

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client **CHAND BI INAMADAR W/o. M. INAMADAR, No. 318, Sy.No. 32, 10th Block, Arkavathi Layout, Chalakere Village**, is an absolute owner of the bearing Site No.318, formed in Sy.No.32, Situated at Chalakere Village, Arkavathi Layout, measuring East to West 9.00 meters and North to South 6.00 meters in all measuring 54 Sq. meters bounded by : East by : Road, West by : Site No.333, North by: 317 and South by: Site No.319. My Client had lost the Original sale deed during the transit while visiting the Bank loan purpose. In spite of several efforts the Original Deed bearing Document No. BDA-1-01289/2015-16, BDA211 dated 08.06.2015, District Sub-Registrar, BDA has not found and he lodged the police complaint through online Dated 18.12.2023 vide No. 0855294/2023.

If anybody is having any claim / objections / custody over the above mentioned original documents or if found the same they shall communicate or contact or return the same to below mentioned address:

GIRISH V and SHIVASHANKAR BOLAJADAR ADVOCATE
#76, 1st Floor, 10th Cross, Coconut Avenue Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.
Ph +91 8050467296

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Bahadur Road at Bangalore.

S.A. No. 111/2023

Form No. 4
(Sec. Regulations 15(1) (b))
BETWEEN: Sri. Kasturiranga K...Applicant
AND: 1. The Authorized Officer & Others
...Respondents

Notice Under Section 17 of the Securitization Act R/w Provisions of the Debt Recovery Tribunal Act the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993

WHEREAS, An Application U/s 17(1) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 has been filed before this Tribunal on 24.04.2023 in the court of Presiding Officer/Registrar.

Show cause as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted, you are requested to file reply, if any in your defence in the paper book form in two complete sets and produced all the documents and affidavit in our support in the Tribunal personally and or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner and appear before this tribunal **11-01-2024 at 10.30 am.**, failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

You are further directed to supply advance copy of the reply to the S.A to the counsel for the Applicant.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this 19th day of December 2023.

The Registrar, Debt Recovery Tribunal Bangalore.

2. **M/s. Livin Modulars**, A Partnership Firm, Having its office at No.24, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main Road, S.J.C. Industrial Area, Yelachenahalli, Ward No.185, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560062.

3. **Smt. Kavitha K. W/o. Sri. B. Vishnuvardhana Reddy**, Partner, M/s. Livin Modulars, No.24, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main Road, S.J.C. Industrial Area, Yelachenahalli, Ward No.185, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560 062.

4. **Sri. Mallikarjuna Rao J. S/o. Sri. Nagendra Rao, Partner, M/s. LivinModulars**, No.24, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main Road, S.J.C. Industrial Area, Yelachenahalli, Ward No.185, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560 062.

Also at: Residing at No.43/160-1, N.R. Peta, Kurnool - 518004.

5. **Kum. Deepika J. D/o Sri. Mallikarjuna Rao J. Partner, M/s. LivinModulars**, No.24, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main Road, S.J.C. Industrial Area, Yelachenahalli, Ward No.185, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560 062.

Also at: Residing at No.43/166-A, N.R. Peta, Kurnool - 518004.



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THURSDAY 21.12.2023



Donald Tusk, Poland's PM | AP

Poland frees state media from political control

WARSAW

POLAND'S new pro-European Union government said on Wednesday that it had changed the directors of state television, radio and the government-run news agency as it embarked on the path of freeing publicly-owned media from the political control of the previous nationalist conservative administration.

The Cabinet of PM Donald Tusk has made it a priority to restore objectivity and free expression in state media, which the previous government, under the Law and Justice party (PiS), used as aggressive propaganda tools, attacking Tusk and the opposition and spreading its euro-skeptical views.

On Tuesday, Polish lawmakers adopted a resolution presented by Tusk's government calling for the restoration of "legal order, objectivity and fairness" of TVP, Polish Radio and the PAP news agency.

Following the resolution, Po-

land's culture minister, Bartłomiej Sienkiewicz, replaced heads and supervisory boards of state media, which chose new management.

The new head of TVP's supervisory board, Piotr Zemla, a lawyer, came to broadcaster's headquarters on Wednesday.

In the first sign of change, the all-news TVP INFO channel, one of the previous government's main propaganda tools, ceased to broadcast on air and over the internet on Wednesday morning. Following the changes in state media management, PiS chairman Jarosław Kaczyński, the party's most prominent politician and for eight years widely regarded as Poland's de facto leader, was seen entering the state television building.

"There is no democracy without media pluralism or strong anti-government media, and in Poland these are the public media," Kaczyński said. He also said PiS politicians will continue the protest on rotating shifts.

Agencies

ASIA

Israeli-flagged ships banned by gov T

Malaysia banned on Wednesday Israeli-flagged cargo ships from docking at its ports in response to Israel's actions in Gaza, which it said ignores "basic humanitarian principles." Ships on their way to Israel will also be barred from loading cargo at any port in the Muslim nation with immediate effect, PM Anwar Ibrahim said



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VEER SURENDRA SAI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BURLA, ODISHA
P.O. Engineering College, Burla, Dist.- Sambalpur, Odisha- 768018

No.VSSUT/SM/06/2023 Date: 18/12/2023

TENDER CALL NOTICE

KK-341: Sealed tenders are invited from original manufacturer/authorized dealers for the supply of "Dry Abrasion Tester", "Micro Vickers Hardness Tester", "High Frequency LCR Meter" and "Surface Roughness Tester" for the School of Mechanical Sciences, VSSUT, Burla, Odisha. The tender papers shall reach the office of the undersigned through Speed/Registered post only by 5.00PM, 18/01/2024. The sealed envelope containing the tender must be super scribed with "Corresponding Equipment applied for", VSSUT, Odisha, at the left-hand top corner. Opening of the Tender papers will be at 04.00 PM on 19/01/2024.

For detail information, please visit University website: www.vssut.ac.in. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/- REGISTRAR

OIPR-44006/11/0036/2324

IN THE COURT OF THE XXIIADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE: AT BENGALURU (CCH 7) P & S C No. 704 of 2023

BETWEEN: Ms. Nandini Rammohan, Daughter of late Ram Mohan .D, aged about 46 years, Residing at Flat No.7-A, No.74, Ratna Vilas Apartments, Ratnavilas Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. ...PETITIONER
AND: Nil. ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above-named Petitioner has lodged this Petition for grant of Right of Executoe, and for Probate with respect WILL executed by Late Smt. T. Vasantha Kumari who died on 06-12-2022 & The Petitioner herein is the niece of one Smt. Vasantha Kumari, Daughter of late Shri Rammohan, under Section 276 of the Indian Succession Act with respect to the Schedule Properties bequeathed to the respective Petitioners under the said Will.

Take notice that the above said case is posted before this Hon'ble Court is posted on **19-01-2024** to decide the said petition at 11:00 A.M Any person interested in respect of the above schedule amounts can appear either in person or through advocate on the said date and time, failing which, the said case will be decided as respondent experte .

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

House property situated at No.23, Vajapeyam Gardens, Narasimharaja Colony, [Now Municipal No.4, 7th Cross Road, Ashok nagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bangalore-560005 bearing PId.No.51-46-4] bounded on the **North** by: Road and measuring 56 feet East to West, on the **South** by: Site No.30 and measuring 38 feet, **East** by: Site No.24 and measuring 60 feet North to South and on the **West** by: Site No.22 and measuring 60 feet North to South

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 18-12-2023.

By order of the court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner: **ARUN BINDAGI**
Office at 23/2, 5th Cross Road, K.G Nagar, Bangalore.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.: SEET(W&M)/MYS/EEE/OJ/AE-1/23-24/4333-36 Date: 19.12.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites bids vide the below mentioned Bid Enquiry No. on TTK Basis.

(1) **Bid Enquiry No.:** KPTCL/SEE/TWM/Mys/R&M/588/Call-4 Dt: 18.12.2023 for Strengthening of existing earthmat at 66/11kV Substation, Gundlupete.

(2) **Bid Enquiry No.:** KPTCL/SEE/TWM/Mys/GCB/610/Call-2 Dt: 18.12.2023 for Replacement of 66kV class Alstom make circuit breaker of 66/11kV, 12.5MVA TR-2 at 66/11kV Periyapatana MUSS-Reserved for SC Category

The details regarding participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> on hyperlink "e procurement KPTCL" or to <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> on or after 22.12.2023. Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl., Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, 1st Floor, Prasanna Bhavana, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru-570 007. Ph: 0821-2455018

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Colorado blocks Trump from prez primary ballot

The ruling attacks nation's democracy, says Trump's spokeswoman

DENVER

A divided Colorado Supreme Court on Tuesday declared former President Donald Trump ineligible for the White House under the US Constitution's insurrection clause and removed him from the state's presidential primary ballot, setting up a likely showdown in the nation's highest court to decide whether the front-runner for the GOP nomination can remain in the race.

The decision from a court whose justices were all appointed by Democratic governors marks the first time in history that Section 3 of the 14th Amendment has been used to disqualify a presidential candidate.

The 14th Amendment bars from office anyone who once took an oath to uphold the Constitution but then "engaged" in "insurrection or rebellion" against it.

"A majority of the court holds that Trump is disqualified from holding the office of president under Section 3 of the 14th Amendment," the court wrote in its 4-3 decision.

Colorado's highest court overturned a ruling from a district court judge who found that Trump incited an insurrection for his role in the January 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol, but said he could not be barred from the ballot because it was unclear that the provision was intended to cover the presidency.

The court stayed its decision until January 4, or until the US Supreme Court rules on the case. Colorado officials say the issue must be settled by January 5, the deadline for the state to print its presidential primary ballots.

"We do not reach these conclusions lightly," wrote the court's majority. "We are mindful of the magnitude and weight



Donald Trump gestures during a campaign in Waterloo on Tuesday | AFP

of the questions now before us. We are likewise mindful of our solemn duty to apply the law, without fear or favour, and without being swayed by public reaction to the decisions that the law mandates we reach."

Trump's attorneys had promised to appeal any disqualification immediately to the nation's

This is what an actual attack on democracy looks like: in an un-American, unconstitutional, and unprecedented decision, a cabal of Democrat judges are barring Trump from the ballot in Colorado...I pledge to withdraw from the Colorado GOP primary unless Trump is also allowed to be on the state's ballot, and I demand that Ron DeSantis, Chris Christie, and Nikki Haley to do the same immediately

Vivek Ramaswamy, American entrepreneur and presidential candidate

highest court, which has the final say about constitutional matters.

Trump's legal spokeswoman Alina Habba said in a statement Tuesday night, "This ruling, issued by the Colorado Supreme Court, attacks the very heart of this nation's democracy. It will not stand, and we trust that the Supreme Court will reverse this unconstitutional order."

Trump didn't mention the decision during a rally on Tuesday evening in Waterloo, Iowa, but his campaign sent out a fundraising email citing what it called a "tyrannical ruling."

The left-leaning group that brought the Colorado case, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, hailed the ruling.

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Even if the ruling by Colorado Supreme Court survives US Supreme Court review, it could be insignificant to the outcome of the November 2024 election because Trump does not need to win Colorado. Electoral votes are allocated among the States based on the Census. Colorado has 10 of the 270 electoral votes required to win the presidency (Total electoral votes is 538). Trump lost Colorado by 13 percentage points in 2020 and doesn't need the state to win next year's presidential election. But the danger for the former president is that more courts and election officials will follow Colorado's lead and exclude Trump from must-win states.

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Retail Assets Central Processing Centre/III, BANASWADI No.253, Dolphin Mansion, Bagalur Road, Bengaluru - 560043. Phone No: 080- 2594 3791 Fax: 080- 2594 3793. Email: sbi.15628@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE

(UNDER SUB SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED ACT) A notice is hereby given that the following Borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors who have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the credit facility availed by them from the Bank and the loan accounts have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses. But they have been returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Sr. Name of the Borrowers No. & Guarantor & A/c No.	Details of Properties/ Address of Security Assets to be Enforced Borrower	Date of Notice	Date of NPA	Amount outstanding (As on the date of notice)
1. A/c No. HL 34309467076 1. Sri.Dharmarath A. S/o Sri Arumugam D. No.358, Coffee Board Layout, 6th Main, Kempapura, Hebbal, Bangalore- 560024. Also at: (i) Worldwide Accommodation Solution Provider, M-102, Chicago Avenue, Cunninghamham, Bangalore - 560052. (ii) Flat No.303, Third Floor, "MILLENNIA MOUNT GALILEE" Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore - 560043.	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing portion of Sy.No.114 (erstwhile Sy.No.30) presently bearing portion of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Katha No.603/1142, in Ward No.24, (Old Katha No.603/114, in Ward No.30) measuring 14Guntas or 15,246 sq.feet, situated at Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, converted for Industrial purpose vide Order No.B.Dis. LND(3)-SRI-322070-71, dated 05.06.1973, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and subsequent obtained change of land use for Industrial and Residential purpose vide letter dated 30.09.2008, bearing No.BDA/TPM/1714/2008-09, issued by the Bangalore Development Authority and bounded on: East by : Land bearing Sy.No.31, West by : Hennur Main Road, North by :Reinforcing portion of Sy.No.114, South by :Cross Road.	22.11.2023	29.10.2023	Rs.47,33,266/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Six Only) as on 20.11.2023. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate from 21.11.2023 on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc.
2. Sri. Arumugam D. S/o Sri.Dakshinamurthy, No.358, Coffee Board Layout, 6th Main, Kempapura, Hebbal, Bangalore- 560024. Also at: (i) Finance & Accounts, No.1, Dr. Ambekar Veedhi,Coffee Board, Bengaluru - 560001. (ii) Flat No.303, Third Floor, "MILLENNIA MOUNT GALILEE" Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore - 560043.	SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: 324 sq.feet undivided shares in the land described in Schedule "A" above is hereby conveyed.			
	SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: Flat bearing No.303 in Third Floor, measuring 1327 Sq.feet Super Built Up Area, containing (2 BHK) Vitrified flooring, together with One covered Car Parking space in the basement floor, along with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lifts, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building constructed by the DEVELOPER on the land described in schedule A property Apartment known as "MILLENNIA MOUNT GALILEE", standing jointly in the names of Sri.Dharmarath A S/o Sri.Arumugam and Sri.Arumugam.D S/o Late B.K.Dakshina Murthy. Absolute Sale Deed dated 24.02.2016 has been registered in favour of Sri.Dharmarath A S/o Sri.Arumugam and Sri.Arumugam.D S/o Late B.K.Dakshina Murthyin Book No.1 under Document No.GNR-1-05032-2015-16 storedin CD No.GNRD116 at the Office of Senior Sub Registrar, Gandhinagara (Ganganagara), Bengaluruon 24.02.2016.			

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrowers/Guarantors/ Mortgagors are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount mentioned above with future interest at contractual rate with incidental express cost, charges ect.within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act whereunder you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s).

Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
State Bank of India
RACPC-3, Banaswadi, Bengaluru

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 22.11.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that the owners of the schedule property Smt. K.C. Manjula W/o. Late K.T.Venkataramappa and her daughters Smt. Hemavathi, Meenakshi have entered into a registered Agreement of Sale with Mr. Manjunath S/o. Siddagowda on 18/10/2022 by receiving huge advance amount. Fixing of boundary and land survey is pending. Sale transaction will be completed shortly. As such public are hereby notified not to enter into any kind of transaction with above land owners.

SCHEDULE : Land bearing Old Sy.No. 46, Re-Survey No. 46/P-139, measuring 2 acres situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-560078.

East by: Portion of land bearing Sy.No. 46 of Chikkakempiah, West by: Land bearing Sy.No. 31 of Lakshammamma and Private Layout, North by: Narasahyana Katte Halla, South by: Land of Dolaiah.

H.L. MANJUNATHA, Advocate No. 96, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Kallidas Layout, Shringeri, Bangalore - 560 050. Mobile: 9342810851

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client viz., Smt. Bhimashankari Hugar, aged about 61 years, W/o Sangaappa, has intended to purchase the Property bearing all the piece and parcel of the immovable property **Site No.114, PID no.5228020478**, carved out of Sy. No.2/3, situated at **Arkavathi Layout**, 2nd Block, **SAMPINGEHALLI Village**, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North, Bangalore, in all measuring **East to West 12.00 Meters and North to South 9.00 Meters, totally measuring 108.00 Sq. Meters**, and bounded on the

East by : Road
West by : Site No. 159
North by : Site No. 115
South by : 113

from its present Owner **Sri. CHANDRASHEKAR B.R S/o Late M.R. Range Gowda**, who had acquired by virtue of registered Sale Deed dated 16.07.2019, registered as document No.BDA-1-02252-2019-20, Book - I, registered before the Sub Registrar of Bengaluru Development Authority.

Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/ claims with documentary evidence within 07 days from this day to the undersigned. In the absence of any claims within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived.

JAGDEESH G.M, Advocate, having office at No. 65, 4th Cross, BDS Nagar, K.Narasayana, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru - 560077. M -9300955654.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, our client Smt. GEETHA G. W/o. Srinivas Murthy, Aged 46 years, Rst. No. 4, 24th Main Road, 3rd Cross, Behind Yellamma Temple, Agara, Bengaluru-560102, have lost the Mother Deed / Absolute Sale Deed vide Document No. BMH-1-00044-2019-20, in Book-1, Stored in C.D. No. BMH/D673, dated 02.04.2019, registered in the office of the senior Sub-Registrar, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru Urban District, executed by MOHAMMED. S. and others in favour of M.SHANKAR REDDY in respect of the said Schedule Property, for which Complaint my client has filed before Karnataka State Police in Lost Report No. 0858844/2023 dated 20/12/2023, all the efforts made by my client to trace out the same proved futile. That if any persons found the same, please inform and surrender the above document to the undersigned and if any persons or establishment is having any objections, claims shall be informed to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Property bearing Gramatana Khatia No. 133, Property No. 142, situated at AGARA VILLAGE, BEGUR HOBLI, BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK, BENGALURU, now coming under B.B.M.P limits, measuring 1386 Square Feet, bounded on East by : Property previously belonging to Sri. Subba Reddy, Now Shiva Reddy, West by : Property belonging to Sri. Muniraju & Late Srinivas, North by : Road, South by : Property belonging to late S. Rama Reddy.

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(KYLE CHANDLER)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general Public that my client is intended to purchase the below mentioned scheduled Property from the Present Owner Mr. M.Ravi S/o Late.N.Muniyappa, aged about 56 years, since the owner has lost the original documents of the said property, has this day handed over Xerox copies of the documents in respect of the below mentioned schedule property to my client. Any person having any right claim, title, interest may file their objections to the under signed with valid documentary proof, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice and if no valid objection/s are received within above said stipulated time, my clients will proceed to purchase the schedule property with confirmation that, there are no objections or claim or title or interest or possession whatsoever nature from any persons/. Any objection received thereafter 15 days will not be entertained or accepted and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned schedule property in accordance with law.

Original document missing dated, 13-08-2008 Rajagopalnagar police station complaint Dated.12-09-2008 Paper publication dated.20-09-2008

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the **Property bearing NO.45, Khaneshumari No. 2526, BBMP No.451/45/35/445, Old CMC Katha No.35, Then Katha No. 576, formed in Survey/Assessment No.45, Situated at Srigandhadhakavali Dhakale, Near Kottigehalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.129, Bangalore, and Site Measuring is east to west : **80 Feet** North to South: **35 Feet** in all measuring **2800 Square Feet**, and bounded on: East by:30-0 feet Road, West by:30-0 feet Road, North by:Property belongs to K.C.Devaraja, South by : Property belongs to R.L.Veena Prasad, along with 2 Square AC Sheat Building.**

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Mkt falls as fresh Covid cases spook investors

Wipes out ₹9 lakh crore investors' wealth as market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms falls

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity market fell sharply on Wednesday with the benchmarks -- BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty50 -- plunging about 1.30-1.40% each as a fresh spike in COVID-19 cases spooked investors, prompting them to book profit amid the ongoing dream run.

The crack, which came during the second half of the trading session, wiped out nearly ₹9 lakh from investors' kitty as the market capitalisation of all BSE-listed firms fell from ₹359.11 lakh crore on Tuesday to ₹350.01 lakh crore on Wednesday.

The 30-share Sensex pack fell 931 points or 1.30% to settle at 70,506 while the NSE Nifty50 slumped 303 points or 1.41% to shut shop at 21,150. During the first half of the trading session, Sensex moved ahead 476 points to hit an all-time high of 71,913 and Nifty touched its fresh peak of 21,593.



The broader markets clocked their biggest single-day loss in 2 months with the BSE MidCap and SmallCap indices falling 3.3% and 3.4%, respectively.

Parth Nyati, founder of Tradingo said that while the reason for the sudden reversal remains unclear, several factors could be at play. "The easy money sentiment buoyed by a buoyant primary market may

have set the stage for a correction. Additionally, tight liquidity among HNIs due to their involvement in IPOs could have contributed to the selling pressure. The recent rise in COVID cases may also be serving as a convenient excuse for some investors to exit," added Nyati.

India on Wednesday reported 614 new coronavirus cases,

the highest since May 21, while the active cases increased to 2,311. Besides this, the chances of oil prices going up after attacks by Yemen's Houthis militants on ships in the Red Sea are believed to have impacted investors' sentiments.

Wednesday's slump was so widespread that all the sectoral indices closed in red with Nifty PSU Bank, Nifty Metal and Nifty AUTO losing the highest by 4.04%, 3.82% and 2.28% respectively. In the Nifty50 pack, ONGC, Tata Consumer Product and Britannia were the top gainers, while Adani Ports, Adani Enterprise and UPL were the prime laggards.

"This is the first serious slide in the Nifty index after seven weeks of up move and it may result in further dip. However, it is too early to conclude the uptrend has faded until the Nifty breaks 20,700 i.e. 20 EMA on the daily chart," said Ajit Mishra, SVP - Technical Research, Religare Broking.

DOMS Ind IPO makes stellar market debut

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DOMS Industries made a stellar stock market debut on Wednesday as the company shares were listed at a premium of 77% over the IPO price on the domestic bourses.

The scrip listed at about ₹1,405 on the BSE and NSE, an increase of 77.22% over its IPO price of ₹790 at 10 am. After profit booking, the shares ended listing day at ₹1,302.95 on NSE, a 65% premium to the public offer. The strong listing was on expected lines given the IPO of the stationary brand was subscribed 93.52 times. The IPO, valued at ₹1,200 crore, is a mixture of new equity issue amounting to ₹350 crore and Offer for Sale worth ₹850 crore.

Lok Sabha passes telecom bill after brief discussion

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

LOK SABHA on Wednesday passed the Telecommunications Bill, 2023, which replaces the three existing legislations. The bill was introduced in the lower house on 18 December 2023 as a Money Bill by telecom minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

"The Bill (seeks) to amend and consolidate the law relating to development, expansion and operation of telecommunication services and telecommunication networks; assignment of spectrum; and for connected matters," said Vaishnaw while introducing it in the parliament.

The Bill that will replace three existing legislations including the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, the Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933 and the Telegraph Wires Act, 1950 proposes many changes in the sector. It includes provisions like the direct allocation of satellite spectrum, the prohibition of companies from using devices that are not from trusted sources, mandating biometric identification by telecom companies (telcos) before issuing SIM cards to consumers.

The government also moved away from the licensing regime, now as per the bill, Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) only need authorisation for telecom service, telecom network and radio equipment in the



country. It also prescribes punitive consequences for damaging the telecom infrastructure.

Its provision of allocating satellite spectrum directly to the companies will benefit satellite communication players such as Sunil Mittal-led OneWeb, Jio Satellite and Elon Musk-led Starlink.

The bill was hailed by the industry players and policy experts. Vodafone Idea, India's third largest telecom operator, applauded the clause which prescribes punitive consequences for damaging the telecom infrastructure while Cellular Operator Association of India (COAI), in its statement liked the provisions that the Bill prevents coercive actions like sealing/shutdowns without due permission from the Central Government. However, it received flak from civil rights organizations as it called it the bill may allow mass surveillance.

HIFY24

Auto component industry sales up 13% to \$36.1 bn



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ON the back of strong demand for powerful vehicles such as SUVs and premium motorcycles, the auto component industry's total sales grew by 12.6% year-on-year (YoY) to \$36.1 billion in the first half of the current financial year (HIFY24), Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) said on Wednesday.

Shradha Suri Marwah, President, ACMA & CMD, Subros said, "With vehicle sales across segments, reaching pre-pandemic levels and with mitigation of supply-side issues witnessed during the pandemic such as availability of semiconductors, high input raw-material costs and non-availability of containers, auto components sector saw a steady growth in both domestic and international markets in first-half of FY2023-24."

ACMA said the industry intends to invest about \$7 billion over the next five years as certain positive factors such as robust GDP growth forecast, stable international demand/ exports and new entrants in the mobility space are favorable for them. Vinnie Mehta, Director General, ACMA, said auto component supplies to all segments of the industry i.e., to OEMs (original equipment manufacturers), exports as also the aftermarket remained steadfast.

Foxconn applies for setting up semiconductor unit

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TAIWANESE electronics manufacturing services company Foxconn has submitted an application for setting up a semiconductor fab in the country, said Minister of state for electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar in Lok Sabha.

The minister, in a written reply, also mentioned that the government has taken several measures to boost electronics

manufacturing, including semiconductors, incentivising large investments in electronic goods and appliances, and promote exports

"Foxconn has submitted its application under the 'modified scheme for setting up of semiconductor fabs in India for the establishment of semiconductor fab in the country," Chandrasekhar said.

This is the second attempt by

Foxconn group to begin semiconductor manufacturing in the country. Earlier, the company partnered with billionaire Anil Agarwal's Vedanta Limited, applied for the fab manufacturing in the country.

However, the government didn't approve their application, and asked them to reapply under the new scheme. Later the both companies announced voluntary

coming out of the partnership, and to apply individually.

It is believed that the reason for the rejection of their application was inexperience in chip making.

Both Vedanta and Foxconn technology have no expertise in chip making, and are new to the semiconductor sector.

In December 2021, the government had announced a \$10 billion semiconductor incentive program.

Settlement proposal of Appu Hotels promoter gets NCLAT approval

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

THE National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has allowed the settlement proposal submitted by the promoter of Appu Hotels Limited, which owns the Tamil Nadu-based luxury hotel brand Le Royal Meridien.

The appellate tribunal order also withdrew the resolution process of the company and restored Appu Hotel's original board of directors. The resolution professional will handover all the past reports and accounts to the board and resolution professional is discharged from duty.

The promoter of the hotel chain has raised ₹420 crore loan from a private fund and received the approval from committee of creditors, according to sources.

The promoter is gearing up to resume operations of Hotel Le Royal Meridien is located at Guindy in Chennai and at

Coimbatore ahead of Christmas as it got a favorable verdict from NCLAT.

The hotel brands faced financial difficulties during the COVID pandemic and went for corporate insolvency proceedings. NCLAT allowed the insolvency proceedings application originally filed by Tourism Financial Corporation of India Ltd in 2019.

Palani G Periasamy, the promoter of Appu Hotels Limited, initiated 12A proceedings, seeking termination of the corporate insolvency resolution process and restoration of the rights and management of the company to its board of directors with immediate effect.

Reacting to the development, Palani G Periasamy, Chairman of Appu Hotels, said, "We are delighted to announce that we are back in the hospitality business. Hotel Le Royal Meridien Chennai and Le Meridien Coimbatore are back with us."

Sony agreed to discuss merger delay: Zee

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AMID media reports that Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited (formerly known as Sony Pictures Networks) has refused Zee Entertainment's request for extension of the merger deadline, Zee has said that Sony has agreed to discuss the extension request.

"The Company is now in receipt of a communication from CMEPL and BEPL that they will enter into good faith negotiations as required under the Merger Cooperation Agreement (MCA) entered amongst the Parties, the Company, CMEPL and BEPL, with a view to discuss the extension of the date required to make the Scheme effective by a reasonable period of time," Zee Entertainment Enterprises informed the exchanges on Wednesday.

Bangla Entertainment Pvt Ltd is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Sony Group.

Zee on Sunday informed exchanges it had requested CMEPL and BEPL to extend the date required to make the merger scheme effective.

Mumbai couple to infuse ₹1,100 cr in cash-strapped SpiceJet for 19% stake

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MUMBAI-based business couple Harihara Mahapatra and Preeti Mahapatra will together acquire a 19% stake in SpiceJet for ₹1,100 crore in the cash-starved airline.

The funding by the Mahapatras comes soon after SpiceJet reached out to its shareholders to vote on a proposal to raise ₹2,254 crore through the issue of up to 130 million convertible warrants and 320.8 million fresh equity shares at an issue price of ₹50 each to more than 60 investors. The funding will mainly be used to meet various debt obligations, increase its operational fleet size, clearing jet fuel payments, among other things. The funding comes at a time when SpiceJet has shown interest in acquiring the grounded and bankrupt Go First airline.

"The Board of Directors of the Company, recently approved a strategic move to raise fresh capital, totalling over ₹2,240 crore (about \$270 million). This initiative involves the issuance of equity shares to



Financial Institutions, FIIs, HNIs, and private investors, aiming to fortify our airline's financial strength and accelerate our growth trajectory," said Ajay Singh Chairman & Managing Director of SpiceJet in the company's annual report filed on Wednesday.

Singh said ₹200 crore has been infused in the airline and that they will be infusing another ₹300 crore. With this equity contribution, SpiceJet is entitled to additional credit facilities of ₹200 crore under the emergency credit line guarantee scheme. As per a company filing, Preeti will be issued 20 crore shares worth ₹1,000 crore

and will hold a 17.66% stake in SpiceJet, following the allotment of shares and warrants. Harihara will be issued 2 crore shares against an investment of ₹100 crore for a 1.77% stake. Elara Capital and Aries Opportunities will be other prominent stakeholders. Post the transaction, promoter Singh's shareholding in the airline will come down from 56.49% to 38.55%.

Harihara Mahapatra is the co-founder of Mahapatra Universal Limited. While not much is known about the group, its website notes that it has a presence in multiple sectors, such as real estate, infrastructure, consulting, consumer, and retail.

Ford puts plan to sell Chennai plant on hold

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

FORD MOTOR INDIA has decided to pause its plan of selling the Chennai plant, according to a report. The move comes after several high-level discussions with JSW Group.

The company is likely to decide against exiting India, one of the fastest growing auto markets, and now wants to maintain manufacturing presence in India, according to the report. They are still looking into several options for their Chennai manufacturing site.

Earlier, the US-based automaker had announced that it would exit manufacturing in India by selling its Chennai plant due to mounting losses in its passenger car business. In the last ten years, Ford has lost nearly \$2 billion in operating profits. The 350 acre plant, which could produce 150,000

units and over 340,000 engines annually, has been closed since July 2022.

The company, hit by the COVID-19 pandemic-related downturn, was trying to sell its Chennai facility and was in talks with JSW and others among. The company disclosed its decision to end production during the restructuring announcement in 2021. Ford chose to opt out of the government's Production Linked Incentive Scheme in May 2022, despite being chosen for it.

The JSW Group had earlier stated it will buy a 35% share in a joint venture with SAIC, which operates MG Motors India, in order to acquire the Ford facility for a nearly \$100 million deal. It was the JSW's bet to diversify its business and enter into the lucrative electric vehicle business with the acquisition of the Chennai facility.

HCLTech faces ransomware attack, probe on

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IT major HCLTech on Wednesday said one of its projects was hit by a ransomware incident.

In a regulatory filing, the company said, "HCLTech has become aware of a ransomware incident in an isolated cloud environment for one of its projects. There has been no impact observed due to this incident on the overall HCLTech network." "Cybersecurity and data protection is a top priority for HCLTech. A detailed investigation is underway in consultation with relevant stakeholders to assess the root cause and take remedial action as necessary," it added. Last week, HCLTech's market cap touched ₹4 trillion, and became the third Indian IT company to achieve the milestone after TCS and Infosys. On Wednesday, the shares closed at ₹1,439.90, down 3.24% from its previous close.

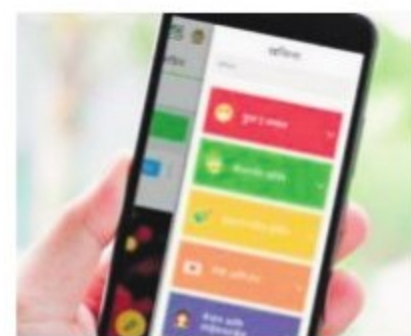
Social media platform ShareChat fires 200 employees as losses go up

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

AHEAD of the New Year, social media platform ShareChat laid off 200 employees. According to sources, social media platform on Wednesday asked each division to join a call and announced layoffs.

This is a strategic restructuring as part of the platform's annual planning for the year 2024. In a statement ShareChat said, "The decision reflects the company's commitment to streamlining its cost base and achieving profitability within the next 46 quarters."

"In alignment with our strategic vision, the company undertook a comprehensive restructuring effort to streamline operations, enhance productivity, and position the company for sustainable growth. As a result, the organisation has moved to a flatter organisation structure and prioritised prod-



uct initiatives that resulted in a reduction in team sizes by roughly 15%," the statement added. This announcement also comes at a time the social media unicorn is in the final stages of raising funds. Reports suggest that it will raise about \$50 million soon. Earlier in January, the start-up fired 500 employees citing several external macro factors that impact the cost and availability of capital. It had said that as capital becomes expensive, companies need to prioritise their bets and

invest in the highest-impact projects only.

Soon after the layoff announcement, ShareChat co-founders Farid Ahsan and Bhanu Pratap Singh stepped down from their roles, and last month they launched their new robotics start-up General Autonomy, and even raised \$3 million in seed funding.

Founded in 2015 and backed by Temasek, Tencent, Tiger Global Management and Twitter Ventures, among others, it has so far raised \$1.7 billion. It was valued at \$4.37 billion in May 2022. Its revenue in FY23 stood at ₹718.8 crore, and according to Tracxn, the loss for the year stood at ₹5,144.3 crore.

Mohalla Tech's, the parent company of ShareChat and short video platform Moj, operating losses jumped to ₹2,569 crore in FY22 compared to ₹1,460 crore in the previous fiscal.

EXPRESS READ

BSNL loses most users in Sept, followed by Vi

NEW DELHI: Despite the central government's efforts to revive BSNL, the telecom company continues to lose subscribers in large numbers. As per the monthly subscription data by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on Wednesday, BSNL lost 2.3 million mobile users in September, taking its user base to 93.5 million users while Vi lost 0.7 million users, further shrinking its base to 228.28 million. ENS

Byju's finally clears FY22 financials

BENGALURU: Think and Learn, the parent company of Byju's, held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday. It passed all the resolutions including the accounts for FY22. BDO was re-appointed as the statutory auditors. Founder Byju Raveendran opened the AGM with an account of the state of business. Nitin Golani, CFO, India, briefed on the audit while India CEO Arjun Mohan provided business updates and plans. ENS

ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LAKSHADWEEP (DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES) KAVARATTI-682555
F.No.42/5-2/2023-24-DHS Dated: 19.12.2023

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for supply of X-Ray items (2023-24) and Re-filling of Medical Oxygen and Nitrous Oxide in empty cylinders required for all the Health Institutions under this department. The tender notice can be downloaded from the web site www.tendersutl.gov.in, www.laksahdweep.gov.in further details can be seen from the same site.

Sd/- (Dr.Shrikant R.Tapdiya (DANICS) Director Health Services U.T of Lakshadweep

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF SPACE HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT CENTRE (HSFC), CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP
Antariksh Bhavan, Bengaluru - 560094, Ph:080-22172614/2613/5610

EXTENSION OF E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM NO-1 DATED 19.12.2023

Title of work:
Construction of GLR and Pump room for Gaganyaan Facilities at Devanahalli, Bengaluru (Civil & PH works)

Estimated cost put to tender : **Rs. 87.92 Lakhs**

Period of completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order. **4 Months**

E-Tender Notice No.
NIT No. HSFC/CMG/2(8)/C/89/2023-24 Dt. 05.12.2023

Period for downloading Extended up to **23:59 hrs on 27.12.2023**

Bid clarifications Extended up to **10:30 hrs on 28.12.2023**

Reply to Bid clarifications Extended up to **17:00 hrs on 28.12.2023**

Receipt of tenders Extended up to **11:00 hrs on 29.12.2023**

Opening of tenders **At 11:30 Hrs on 29.12.2023**

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (E-NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website www.tenderwizard.in/ISRO.

Sd/-Head, CMD, CMG, HSFC.

YASHASWINI MAHILA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE LTD
No. 107, Pipeline Road, T.Dasarahalli, Bengaluru – 560057

Appendix: IV-A, [See Proviso to rule 8(6)] Sale notice for sale of immovable property (Excluding movable assets, if any, lying in the premises)

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS (EXCLUDING MOVABLE ASSETS, IF ANY, LYING IN THE PREMISES) UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISIO TO RULE 8 (6) AND RULE 9(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrowers/Mortgagers in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, **Yashaswini Mahila Souharda Credit Co-operative Limited**, the physical possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor on 26.09.2023, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 23.01.2024 for recovery of **Rs. 34,74,261/-**(Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty One Only) as on 25.09.2023 and further interest at contractual rate from 26.09.2023 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to Yashaswini Mahila Souharda Credit Co-operative Limited. Secured creditors from **Smt.Geetha H A W/o Sri Anand H.R.**

The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under : **Reserve Price** (below which the property will not be sold) : Rs.37,96,200/-, **Earnest Money Deposit** : Rs.3,79,620/-, **Bid increment amount** : Rs.20,000/-, **Time & date of Public Auction** : 11.30 am to 12.30 pm on 23.01.2024. Last date submission of EMD along with KYC documents :22.01.2024. Upto 4.00 PM

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Tender No: YMSCL/03/2023

All piece and parcel of Vacant site Property bearing Site No.86, formed out of Survey No.76/1,77,78,2/79 and 80 of Kambipura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, which is duly converted from Agricultural residential Purpose to Non-Agricultural Purpose, vide conversion order No.ALN(S)/SR(K)/48/2012-13 dated: 10.01.2013. issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and the layout is approved by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) Vide No.BDA/TPM/PRL-16/2013-14/6878/2013-14, dated :20.03.2014 measuring **East to West:** Northern Side 21.01ft, Southern Side 43.65ft, **North to South:** Eastern Side 37.42ft, Western Side 30.00ft, totally measuring 1090sq ft and bounded on **East by** : Road, West by : Site No.85, **North by** : Site No.87, **South by** : Road.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the above said property. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please contact to Yashaswini Mahila Souharda Credit Co-operative Limited, No.107, Pipeline Main Road, Officers Model Colony, T.Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560 057. Tel: 080 23720950, Mob: 9945300333, email:yashaswini96@rediffmail.com.

Sd/- Authorize Officer
Yashaswini Mahila Souharda Credit Co-operative Ltd.

Date : 19.12.2023
Place: Bengaluru

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU TIRUPUR HIGHWAYS, (Construction & Maintenance) CIRCLE

TENDER NOTICE

T.N. No. 16 / 2023-24 / HDO / Dated : 19.12.2023.

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu Scheduled Item Rate tender through online only will be received upto **23.01.2024 11.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tirupur Circle for CRIDP 2010-11 Works - Construction of Subway at Km 12/10 of Avinashi – Tirupur – Palladam – Pollachi – Cochin Road (Via) Meenkarai (Near Valarmathi Bridge) (SH19) Including Land Acquisition (Balance Work) - pertaining to Tirupur (H) C&M Divisions.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **22.12.2023** onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Circle, Tirupur.

DIPR / 6727 / TENDER / 2023

Government of Tamil Nadu Highways Department
Superintending Engineer (H), Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan Circle, Saidapet, Chennai -15.

Tender Notice No: 16/2023-24/CMDP/DO/ dated.19.12.2023 (Online only)

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Item Rate Tender under Two Cover System, through online only for Division – V** work of ‘Widening the Existing ROB at Km 12/10 including Widening of the road from Km 12/2 – 13/3 of Inner Ring Road (Dual Five Lane)’ will be received upto **08.01.2024, 15.00 Hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan Circle, Saidapet, Chennai-15.

Detailed scope of work, approximate value, EMD, availability of tender document and all other details are available from **22.12.2023** onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes / Corrections / Amendments etc to the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H), CMDP Circle, Saidapet, Chennai -15.

DIPR/6726/Tender/2023

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the under-noted sections of the South Western Railway and the overhead traction wires and fittings provided between the existing 25000 Volt, 50Hz ac traction conductors, for the 3rd and 4th lines as part of the track quadruplication works shall be treated as live at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the overhead lines and fittings

Line	Between Section	From (Km)	To (Km)
3 rd & 4 th Lines	Krishnarajapuram to Bengaluru Cantonment	341.000	350.000

PUB/574/AAD/FRB/SWR/2023-24 Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, Gati Shakti, Bengaluru

South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH
Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560070.

No: EE/PRED/BNG(U)/TND/AE-2/21/2023-24 Dated: 20-12-2023

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through e-Procurement by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Urban, in Two Cover System for Approved Action Plan Works Under Zilla Panchayath Different Head of Account 2023-24. The work details can be obtained from the e-Procurement Website. The Tender Documents can be obtained and Submitted on or before **28-12-2023 upto 4.00 PM**. Further details can be obtained from Website at <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> or contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Bangalore Urban Dist, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/2655/ Adverto/2023-24

Central Bank of India HSR Layout Branch Bangalore

POSSESSION NOTICE under [RULE 8 (1)] SARFAESI Rule

Whereas, the Authorized officer of the Central Bank of India, HSR LAYOUT Branch under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) and 13 (12) read with the Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated 04.02.2023 calling upon the borrowers **Mr. E Rajappa and Mr. Venkataram Erappa**, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.2,59,776.49 + Interest (Rupees Two lakhs Fifty nine thousand Seven hundred Seventy-Six and Paise forty nine only + Interest)** (which represents the principal plus interest due as on the 04.02.2023), plus interest and other charges from **04.02.2023**. To till date within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to pay the entire dues of the bank, notice is hereby given to the borrower, the Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002 on this 15th Day of December 2023.

The borrower and the Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to charge of Central Bank of India, for the amount of **Rs.2,59,776.49 + Interest (Rupees Two lakhs Fifty nine thousand Seven hundred Seventy-Six and Paise forty nine only + Interest)** (which represents the principal plus interest due on the 04.02.2023), plus interest and other charges from **04.02.2023**. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property:
(Detailed description of the secured asset) mortgaged property All that Property having VP Khata No. 240/24/1/227, Portion of Sy No. 24/1 (Old Sy. No. 24/6) of Konadasapura Village, situated at Konadasapura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, within the limits of Doddabarahalli Village, Panchayat measuring and bounded as follows: Measuring East to West 38 Feet and North to South 40 feet and bounded as follows: East : By property belonging to smt. Kanchamma West : By Kene Kaluve North : By property belonging to Sri. GL Shivaramiah South : By Konadasapura Main Road. Property standing in the name of Mr. Rajappa E Date: 15-12-2023 Place: Bangalore (Authorized Officer)

Bank of India BOI JNANA/YOTHINAGAR BRANCH
No 32/33 , Press Layout Bus Stop , Ullal Village Main Rd , Muneshwara Nagar , Bengaluru -56

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule-8 (1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Bank of India**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12), read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **16.10.2023** calling upon the borrower **Mr.Suhas M**, Flat No E 205, 2nd Floor, Linca Sunflower Apartment situated at Survey No 115/4, Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs 65,23,276.17** (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Six and Seventeen Paise Only) plus interest from **01.10.2023** within 60 (sixty) days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this **19th day of December 2023**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of India for an amount of **Rs 65,23,276.17** (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Six and Seventeen Paise Only) along with further interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property
'A' Schedule Property: Equitable mortgage of all the piece of the residential immovable property bearing BBMP Khata No 4457/115/4 situated at Kengeri, Bangalore in Ward No 198 of Hemmigeppura Sub-division, measuring 66,249 square feet (formerly carved out of the residential converted land bearing survey No 115/4, Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk vide Conversion order dated 03.03.2005 No BDS/ALN(S)/SR(K)/23/2004-2005 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore) presently within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike bounded as follows: East by : Yellamma Temple at vidyapeetha Land, West by : Road & Maramma Temple Land, North by : Buddanna's Land, South by : K R Thirumai's Land.

'B' Schedule Property: 711.14 square feet of undivided interest in the land of the 'A' schedule property.

'C' Schedule Property: All the peace and parcel of the residential immovable property being an Apartment bearing No E-205, second floor, in "LINEA SUNFLOWER" with a super built up area of 1444 sqre feet situated at survey No 115/4 of Kengeri village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Ward No 198, Bangalore. Boundaries : East by : Flat No 202, West by: Corridor, North by: Flat No E-203, South by: Flat No E-206.

Date : 19.12.2023
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of India

KOPPALINSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (R), KOPPAL (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯದ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ)
ಸೊಂದರ್ಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: KOL-S243-2012-13 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15-03-2013
Website : www.kimskoppal.karnataka.gov.in
email : directorkimskoppal@gmail.com
Office : 08539 225522 CAO : 08539-225523

No:KIMS/KOPPAL/DIET/STP/02&03/2023-24.
DATE: 15.12.2023

E-TENDER-NOTIFICATION

Tender is invited from interested tenderer for 1) Supply of ready Food to In-Patients 2) Maintenance of STP Plants of KIMS College and Hospital for Two Years in a two cover Bid System through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka <http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. Tenderer can download the tender document from Date: 21/12/2023 & Tender should upload on or before Date: 04/01/2024. Approximate Cost of Tender: Diet-Rs.178.80 Lakhs & STP Plant Maintenance -Rs.62.00 Lakhs. The detailed tender schedule & other terms and conditions of tender can be viewed in tender document.

Sd/-Director, KIMS, Koppal.
DIPR/Koppal/291/KSMCA/2023-24

PUBLIC NOTICE
Form No. INC - 26

[Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014] BEFORE THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, SOUTH EAST REGION, HYDERABAD TELANGANA AND IN THE MATTER OF COMPANIES ACT, 2013, SECTION 13(4) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND RULE 30(5)(a) OF THE COMPANIES (INCORPORATION) RULES, 2014 AND

IN THE MATTER OF M/s GEM PAINTS PRIVATE LIMITED CIN U24222KA 2022PTC160270 (Formerly Known as Esha Paints Private Limited) (HEREIN AFTER AS THE COMPANY), HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT #417/418, 11TH CROSS, 4TH PHASE PEENYA INDUSTRIAL AREA, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA, INDIA, 560058

..... Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the Company proposes to make an application to the Central Government under Section 13(4) of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the Special Resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on December 04, 2023 to enable the Company to change its registered office from The State of "Karnataka" & to The State of "Gujarat".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the Company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint former cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, South East Region 3rd Floor, Corporate Bhawan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattianannam Village, Hayat Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad-500068, Telangana within 14 (Fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant Company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

#417/418, 11th Cross, 4th Phase Peenya Industrial Area, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 560058

Date: 19/12/2023
Place: Bangalore

For and on behalf of the Petitioner
M/s Gem Paints Private Limited
(Formerly Known as Esha Paints Private Limited)
ASHWANI GANDOTRA
(Whole-Time Director) DIN: 00049386
Add: 1763, 8th Cross, 6th A Main, Near Pavan Gardens, Bangalore Karnataka-KA 560040

STATE BANK OF INDIA RACPC MALLESHWARAM (41161)
No. 97, Railway Parallel Road, Kumarapark West, Bangalore - 560020
Ph : 080 25943732, 25943720. Fax: 080 25943729/3730
Email id: racpc.bzl@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE Appendix IV (Under Rule 8(1)) (For Immovable Property)

A/c No: HTL-64025854969

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the **State Bank of India** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **10.03.2020** and calling upon the **Borrower/s** : 1) **Sri. C Dhanashekar S/o. Sri. Narayana Swamy**, 2) **Smt. D Kameshwari**, W/o, Sri. C Dhanashekar, Both are residing at : No. 15/14, 23rd Main Road, Pipeline Cross, J C Nagar, Kurubarahalli, Bangalore-560086 And also at : 15/6, Sy No. 40, F Pipeline Cross, 23rd Cross, J C Nagar, Kurubarahalli, Bangalore-560086 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs. 6,20,331/-** (Rupees Six lakhs twenty thousand three hundred and thirty one only) as on 10.03.2020 + interest from 11.03.2020 + incidental charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/s (mortgager/s) having failed to repay the amount demanded as per Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s (mortgager/s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **15.12.2023**.

The borrower/s (mortgager/s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs. 6,54,444/-** (Rupees Six lakhs fifty four thousand four hundred and forty four only) as on 05.12.2023 and interest from 06.12.2023 plus expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Eastern portion of property bearing New Municipal No. 15/6, situated at 23rd Main Road, J C Nagar, PID No. 13-56-15/6, Bangalore (previously called sited No. 19, Assessment No. 40, Khatha No. 40, Laggere Grama, Yeshwantha Pura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West on the Northern side 16 feet, on Southern side 15 feet and North to South 35 feet, totally 542.5 Sq. Ft and bounded on : **East by** : Property No. 18, **West by** : Remaining Western portion of property No. 19, **North by** : 30 feet Road, **South by** : Site No. 20.

Sd/- Authorised Officer and Chief Manager
State Bank of India, RACPC Malleshwaram, Bangalore.

Date : 15.12.2023
Place : Bangalore

TAMIL NADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Tamilnadu Undertaking)
No.417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai-600 008.
Phone : 044-26191890, 26190259
Website: www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in, E-Mail: gmndrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in, mngprpudrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in

Online Tenders is invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Chennai 600008, from the bidders meeting the eligibility criteria indicated in the tender document for the supply of **Uterine Balloon Tompanade** to TNMSCL Ltd under rate contract system for two years from the date of acceptance of the tender.

Sl. No	Description	e-Tender Reference	Tender Floating Period	e-Tender Submission Duration	Date and time of online opening of Technical Bids
1	Online Tender for the supply of Uterine Balloon Tompanade to TNMSCL Limited under rate contract system for two years from the date of acceptance	e-022/M(P)/ RE-UBT(2V) TNMSCL/2023, Dated: 21.12.2023	21.12.2023 at 4.00 PM to 04.01.2024 upto 4.00 PM	28.12.2023 at 10.00 AM to 04.01.2024 upto 4.00 PM	04.01.2024 at 4.30 PM

The tender document can be downloaded and the tender shall be submitted at <https://tntenders.gov.in/>. The tender document can also be downloaded at www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in for reference purpose.

Tender Inviting Authority / General Manager (Drugs)

DIPR/6682/Tender/2023

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE CIRCLE, THIRUCHIRAPPALLI

TENDER NOTICE
TENDER NOTICE NO.56/2023-2024/HDO/DATED:20.12.2023

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage Tender through online only** will be received up to **23.01.2024, 14.00 hours** (Server Time) by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M Thiruchirappalli Circle, Thiruchirappalli-20 for **CRIDP 2023-2024 Scheme Works, 1 CMRDP work pertaining to Nagapattinam (H) C&M Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **22.12.2023** onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H) C&M CIRCLE, THIRUCHIRAPPALLI-20

DIPR/6749/TENDER/2023

Government of Karnataka
Rural Development & Panchayat Department
Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chitradurga
Phone No.: 08194-234488 e-mail: eerdwsc.chd@gmail.com
No.: R.W.S.&S./D/C/EE/B4/Tender/2023-24/1770
Date: 18.12.2023

Tender Notification

On behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka tender is invited in single cover system, through e-procurement portal, subject to Standard Tender Document KW-2 Conditions, from eligible class registered contractors registered with Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Circle, Davanagere/Chief Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Bengaluru for construction of R.O. Unit works under D.M.F. Scheme, 02 Packages of Rs. 50.65 lakhs in the limits of Chitradurga Taluk and 03 Packages of Rs. 73.95 lakhs in the limits of Holakere Taluk. (Among the 05 Packages, the work with Maximum Approximate cost is 50.00 Lakhs). Last date for submission of Tender: 29.12.2023, 4.00 PM. Date of opening the Technical Bid: 30.12.2023 at 16.30 Hrs. and Date of opening the Financial Bid: 01.01.2024 at 11.00 Hrs. Details of the work are published in website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> and for further information contact the Executive Engineer, R.W.S & S. Division, Chitradurga during working hours of the office.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 425/2023-24
Sd/- Executive Engineer, R.D.W.S. & S. Division, Chitradurga

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Corporate Office: "CHOLA CREST", C54 & 55, Super 8-4, Thiru. Vi.Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.
Branch Address : Municipal No.45, (Old Nos. 45A, 45R), Second Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore - 560 027.

POSSESSION NOTICE Under Rule 8 (1)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued a demand notices calling upon the Borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties mortgaged with the company described herein below of the Columns on the respective dates mentioned in Column [E] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules made there under.

The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of **M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited**, for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.

Under section 13[8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of Borrower & Loan A/c No.	Date of Demand Notice	Outstanding Amount	Date of Possession
[B]	[C]	[D]	[E]	
1	Loan Account No. HE01BAN00000030943 & HE01BAN00000013437 (1) Venkatesh Thimme Gowda (Applicant), No.3/1, 1st Floor, Vinoba Colony, 21st Main, 2nd Cross, Avalahalli, Bangalore Karnataka-560026. (2) Muddanna Kalavathi (Co-Applicant), No.3/1, 1st Floor, Vinoba Colony, 21st Main, 2nd Cross, Avalahalli, Bangalore Karnataka-560026. (3) Padipatna Venkatesh Mohan (Co-Applicant), No.3/1, 1st Floor, Vinoba Colony, 21st Main, 2nd Cross, Avalahalli, Bangalore Karnataka-560026. (4) Sri Venkateshwara Enterprises (Co-Applicant), No.3/1, Ground Floor, Vinoba Colony, Near Venkateshwara Theatre, Avalahalli Bangalore Karnataka-560026.	14-07-2023	Rs.93,09,923/- as on 14.07.2023 and interest thereon.	19.12.2023 Symbolic

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing No.18, Sy.No.1/6, Situated at Avalahalli Village (Harijana Colony), Bengaluru, Presently comes within the limits of BBMP and bounded on : East by : Halina Hanumanthappa's Land , West by : Road, North by : Muniraja Site, South by : A.Ramaiah's Land, measuring East to West : 40 feet and North to South : 28 feet, totally measuring 1120 Square feet, along with Building Constructed thereon. Within the Registration district of Bangalore and Sub Registration Office.

Date: 19.12.2023
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited.

Union Bank of India JALBHAVAN BRANCH
Ground Floor, "Right Wing", No.6, 1st Stage, 1st Phase, BTM Layout, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560029, Ph: 9840238613, E-mail: ubin0907146@unionbankofindia.bank

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction 15 days Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Union Bank of India** (secured creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union Bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

1. Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor : 1.Mrs.Farhat Khanum, No. 22/5 'Sharif Mansion', 17th A Cross, 16th main road, Ward No.35, N S Palya, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560076. 2.Mr.Amjad Khan A. S/o Mr. Ahmed Khan, No. 22/5 'Sharif Mansion', 17th A Cross, 16th Main Road, Ward No.35, N S Palya, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560076.	Outstanding Amount Rs.22,42,562/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Two Only) + subsequent interest & charges
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing New No.22-5 Formerly Site No 22/5, Katha No.57/7 situated at 17th A cross, N.S.Palya, Bangalore 560076 presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward no 35, Bangalore, situated in 17th cross road, Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Nagara, having PID no 65-142-22-5 together with all rights, appurtenance, whatsoever underneath or above the surface measuring East to West (31.3+29)2 feet, North to South: 22 feet total addressing 663.3 SQFT and property owned Mrs.Farhat Khanum by bounded on East by: Remaining portion, West by: Road, North by: Property No.23, South by: Property No.21.	
Demand Notice Date: 04.02.2020 Possession Notice Date:10.12.2021 Reserve Price : Rs. 56,26,000/- (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Only)	
EMD :Rs.5,62,600/- (Rupees Five Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Six Hundred Only)	
Date & time of auction : 11.01.2024 from 11 AM to 4 P.M. (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions) E-auction website- www.msccommerce.com, EMD Submission: On or before the commencement of e-Auction.	
Increment Bid Amount : Rs.50,000/-	
For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in (1) https://www.ibapi.in, and www.unionbankofindia.co.in For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit: https://www.msccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp For E-Auction Related queries Please contact : 9840238613	
Date : 20.12.2023 Place: Bangalore	Sd/- Authorised Officer Union Bank of India.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

No.: SEE/EE/TR&W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-2/F-114/23-24/5974-78 Date: 19.12.2023
KPTCL invites E-Tenders are invited in the prescribed form from Super Grade Licensed Electrical Contractor for the following work in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere on **Partial Turn Key Basis**.
1. Bid Enquiry No.: SEE/KPTCL/EE(O)/DVG/AEE-2/14, Dated 04.12.2023, Tender for strengthening of Earthing/Grounding of equipments at 66/11kV Sub-station Garaga in 220kV RS&SS division, KPTCL, Chitradurga.
2. Bid Enquiry No.: SEE/KPTCL/EE(O)/DVG/AEE-2/17, Dated 14.12.2023, Tender for strengthening of station Earthmat as per R&D of equipments at 66/11kV Sub-station Hosadurga in 220kV RS&SS Division, KPTCL, Chitradurga.
Tenders will be accepted through KPP Portal Mode Only. For Further details, prospective Bidders are advised to log on to website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> or <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> & click on to hyperlink 'e procurement kptcl' to participate in KPP portal on or after 21.12.2023.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, (Ele)
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Near Stadium,
Hadadi Road, Davanagere.



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Bank of Baroda
(A Government of India undertaking)

Chandra Layout Branch No.1546,
80 Feet Road, Behind Chandragiri Palace,
Chandra Layout Circle, Bangalore, 560 079
Ph-080-2339066/57
E-mail: VJCHLA@bankofbaroda.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ONLY)
Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Chandra Layout Branch, Bangalore under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec. 13(2) read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 14.07.2023 calling upon the 1) Smt. Asha M, D/o Sri Mahadevappa, No 317, Chowdappa Building, Ambedkar Colony Road, Hosur Main Road, Kudlu Village, Next to SRK Garden Apartments, Bangalore - 560068. 2) Sri Ravi M, S/o Sri Mahadevappa, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being under of **Rs 42,99,369.32** (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Nine and Thirty Two Paise Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor/ Owner of the property in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **15th day of December of the year 2023**.
The borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs 42,99,369.32** (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Nine and Thirty Two Paise Only) plus interest thereon along with cost.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Schedule 'A' Property: All that piece and parcel of property land Sy No 8/P1 (Old Sy No 8), measuring 0-35 Guntas and Sy No 9/1, measuring 2 Acres 05 Guntas in total 3 Acres situated at Heelalgale Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore (Vide Conversion Order No BDS ALN/(A)SR 44/2005-2006, dated 27.04.2005 by Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore urban and APALAO/83/2011-2012 dated 14.02.2013 issued by Town and Country joint planning authority and Director of Anekal Planning Authority) together with all the rights, appurtenances whether underneath or above the surface and bounded by: East by: Land belonging to Shambaiah, West by: Road, North by: Land belonging to Muniyappa, South by: Land belonging to Shambaiah & Halla
Schedule 'B' Property: All that piece and parcel an extent of 373.135 Sq Ft in the Schedule 'A' Property (Undivided Interest)
Schedule 'C' Property: All that residential apartment bearing No G11, in Ground Floor, Block No 3, of 'MAYUR BRUNDAVAN' built in Schedule 'A' Property and measuring 900 Sq Ft of super built up area contains 2 Bedroom, Kitchen, Dining, Toilets, Living Room, One Covered Car Parking which inclusive of proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use with 373.135 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership in the land in Schedule 'A' Property Khata duly issued by the Chandapura Purasabha, which has issued Khata No 1436/236/B3-G11 with RCC framed structure, concrete block masonry, main door oak frame and steam braced veneered flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminium windows with glass and safety grills, vitrified flooring with one covered car parking and bounded by: East by: Flat No G12, West by: Flat No G06, North by: Flat No G10, South by: Flat No G12.
Place: Bengaluru
Date: 15.12.2023

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
BANK OF BARODA.

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THURSDAY 21.12.2023

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority - Karnataka (Constituted by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) Government of India), has accorded the Environmental Clearance Residential Buildings Project on the property bearing several survey numbers 191 of Gattahalli Village Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District being developed by M/s. Mana Projects Pvt Ltd, vide order No. SEIAA 118 CON 2020 Dated 04.09.2020 The said copy of environment clearance is available with the SEIAA office and the website of MOEF&CC at <https://parivesh.nic.in>

E-Tender Notice
E-tenders are invited for the supply of Polythene film sheet, Rainguard adhesive and Fertilizer as follows:

Sl. No.	Items	Tender ID	Last date of uploading	Bid opening date
1	Polythene film sheet	2023_RPL_630107_1	30.12.2023, 5pm	30.01.2024, 11am
2	Rainguard adhesive	2023_RPL_630677_1	30.12.2023, 5pm	03.01.2024, 3pm
3	Rock Phosphate (MRP)	2023_RPL_632549_1	08.01.2024, 5pm	10.01.2024, 11am
4	Potash (MOP) & Urea	2023_RPL_632586_1	08.01.2024, 5pm	10.01.2024, 11am

For more details visit : www.etenders.kerala.gov.in/
www.rplkerala.gov.in
RPLS/2224/2024-25/2561 dtd.18.12.2023

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences, Madikeri
(Government of Karnataka -Reg Autonoous Institute)
Phone: 08272 220606 Website: www.kimskodagu.kar.nic.in

Ref.No. ME/2023-24/IND: Date: 20.12.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
Under signed invites e-tender notification in two Bid system from eligible Manufactures/ Suppliers/ Authorized Dealers through e-procurement portal GOK, <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> with EMD for the supply of Drugs to Teaching Hospital, KOIMS, Madikeri, for more information contact e-procurement portal or office of the undersigned.
e-mail: directormckodagu@gmail.com

Dean & Director,
KOIMS, Madikeri.



KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT STAGE I & II
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through e-procurement Portal 2.0 Only)
e-Tenders are invited through GoK e-procurement portal: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from the reputed agencies with proven track records and successfully completed the similar nature of works indicated in the tender document, for the following works.1). KPCL/2023-24/GH/WORK_INDENT 157/CALL-3, Dated: 15.12.2023 for AMC of various Hydro-mechanical equipment of various dams and gates across KHEP stage I and II. Tender Amount: **Rs. 29,48,668.60**. EMD: **Rs. 59,000/-**. 2). KPCL/2023-24/SE0069, Dated: 15.12.2023 for Providing 12 Numbers of outsourced driver services at Kadra garage for a period of one year. Tender Amount: **Rs. 36,50,913/-**. EMD: **Rs. 73,100/-**. Last Date & Time for Tender Queries / Clarifications: For Sl. No.1, 26.12.2023, 17:30Hrs. For Sl. No.2, 01.01.2024, 17:20Hrs. Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders: For Sl. No.1, 27.12.2023, 17:20Hrs. For Sl. No.2, 02.01.2024, 17:00Hrs. Further details can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer (Gates) Kali, KPCL, Kadra, Karwar Taluk, North Kanara District - 581396. Mobile No: 91416 11350. E-mail : ee@gateskali@gmail.com, Website: <https://kpc.karnataka.gov.in>.

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Bank of India

PEENYA IND ESTATE
MCB BRANCH
#488-B VITC Model Exports Park, 4th Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Bangalore - 560058
Tel: 080-28362553/28367553. www.bankofindia.co.in
Email: bangaloremidcorp.bengaluru@bankofindia.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)
Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (2), read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 15.04.2023 calling upon the borrower **Mr Ravi Kumar V S/o Venkataramanappa** Residing at No 1687, 31st Main D-Group Quarters Puraanchandra Tejasvi Layout, Srirangachakal, Bangalore-560091 and **Mr Venkataramanappa S/o Venkatadasappa**, Sri Venkateshwara Nilaya (venkataramappa Mestri) # 65/2, 203, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Ramamandira Road, Near Banyan Tree, Kaveripura, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore-560079. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs 8,70,556.88** (Rupees Eight Lakhs Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six and Eighty-Eight Paise) within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the **19th day of November of the year 2023**.
The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of India for an amount of **Rs 8,70,556.88** (Rupees Eight Lakhs Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six and Eighty-Eight Paise) and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Residential House bearing New Municipal No.203 old No.65/2 and Khatha No.39 having PID No. 36-106-203, Kamakshi palya Village, Senegunuvannahalli Dhakale, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bruhah Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) measuring East to west : 15 feet and North to South :40 feet totally measuring 600 sq.ft.
Owned Jointly by Mr Venkataramanappa S/o Venkatadasappa and Mr Ravi Kumar V S/o Venkataramanappa Bounded on: On the North : by Property belongs to Sri Niranjan, On the South by: Property belongs to Smt Narasamma, On the East by: Road, On the West by: Property belongs to Sri Thammaiah

Date : 19.12.2023
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)
Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised officer of Canara Bank, Mahalakshmi Layout Branch had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addressees furnished to the Bank as mentioned above. Since the notice has not been acknowledged returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.
1. Name and Address of the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers/ Mortgagors / Guarantors :
(1) Gurumurthy C. S/o Sri Chakrapani 2) V.S. Sri Rajashekar C. S/o Sri Chakrapani V.S.
Both Residing at: No. 21, 10th Main Road, Vasanth Nagar, bengaluru-560052.
[Details of the credit facilities availed by the Borrower]

Loa	Nature of Loan	Date of Sanction	Amount	Liability with interest as on Date 21.10.2023 along with future interest from 21.07.2023	Rate Of Interest
0886619/000468	Housing Loan	03.01.2007	Rs. 9,00,000/-	Rs. 3,79,447.44	9.25% + 11.25% Penal Interest

Total Liability Amount: Rs. 3,79,447.44 (Rupees Three lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand and Four Hundred Forty Seven and Forty Four Paise Only) as on 21.10.2023, together with further interest and incidental expenses from 21.07.2023.
NPA Date : 21.10.2023
Demand Notice Dated : 27.10.2023
Name of Title holder: Sri Gurumurthy C.
Details of the Immovable Properties: All that and parcel of House property on the First Floor, facing Eastern side, constructed on the property bearing Old No. 69, New Municipal No. 18/4, situated at 10th Main Road, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru-560052, measuring 22 x 19.9 sq. ft. totally 437.8 sq. ft. and together with 264.41 sq. ft. and undivided share in the aforesaid composite property and bounded on the: East by: Property No. 70, West by: Property No. 18/3, North by: Property No. 72, South by: open to air and passage.
You are hereby by called upon to pay **Canara Bank**, within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 18.12.2023
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

ESTD: 1907



THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Administrative Office: # 3, PAMPAMAHAKAVI ROAD, CHAMARAJAPET, BANGALORE –18. Ph. : 26678572 : 26600512 : 26609066.

SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction Sale under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 of the Immovable properties mortgaged to the **Bangalore City Co. operative Bank Ltd., is brought to Sale under "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION".**

Sl No	Name of the Borrower & Description of property	Boundaries & Measurement	Amount of Secured debt & Reserve Price	Date of Public Auction
01	Sri. Rafiq Ahmed. M No.454, Masjid Road, Peenya, 1st Stage, Bengaluru -58. 1st Schedule:- New Municipal No. 25/8, Old No.¼, Masjid Road, Peenya Village, BBMP Ward No. 11 of Peenya Industrial Area, PID No. 11-95-25/8, Bengaluru.	East-West:-33 feet & North-South:-51+53 feet 2 East by :- Rangaswamy's property West by :- Remaining portions of the same property, North by :- Road. South by :- Property belongs to Ajjiah.	Rs. 1,06,81,611/- (Interest from 12.12.2023) Notice Date : 12.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 1,42,50,000/-	23.01.2024 10.00 A.M
02	Smt. Alia Begum No.122, kote D Street, Kalasipalya, Bengaluru-02. No.12/2, Situated in Fort D Road BBMP Ward No.47 of Dhamarayya Swamy Temple, PID No.47-82-12/2, Bengaluru.	East to West: 21 feet & North to South: 15 feet. East by: House of Radhamma, West by: House of Sri T Aman, North by: Common Passage and thereafter Sri K. Narayana Nair's House, South by: Kuppamma's House.	Rs. 5,49,573/- (Interest from 11.12.2023) Notice Date: 12.12.2023 Reserve Price: Rs.24,00,000/-	23.01.2024 10.30 A.M
03	Sri. Zaheeruddin. S @ Zaheer. S No.7/1, 2nd Cross, P.S. Lane, Cottonpet, Bengaluru-53. No.7/1, Old No.43, 86, 100 & 7, Dr. T.C.M Royan Road, (old Name panchala Siddappa Lane), 2nd Cross, BBMP Ward No.27 of Gandhinagar, PID No. 27-66-7/1, Bengaluru.	East-West: 20.9 feet & North-South: 17.10 feet East by :- Dr. T.C.M Royan Road West by: Property of Bengaluru City Corporation North by :- Property of Janab Mohammed Ismail. (No. 07), South by: Property of Bengaluru City Corporation	Rs. 10,95,787/- (Interest from 11.12.2023) Notice Date : 12.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 46,00,000/-	23.01.2024 11.00 A.M
04	Smt. Shivamma No.13, 1st Main Road, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Bengaluru-23. New Municipal No. 7/3, Eastern Portion, Old No. 28, 1st B Main Road, Mariyappana Palya, Kempapura Agrahara, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, PID No.32-20-7/3, Bengaluru.	East to West: 15 feet & North to South: 40 feet East by :- Site No. 27 West by :- Western portion of Site No. 27 North by :- Road South by :- Site No. 39	Rs. 45,66,883/- (Interest from 11.12.2023) Notice Date : 12.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 54,50,000/-	23.01.2024 11.30 A.M
05	Sri. Vasantha Kumar. K No.5, 1st Cross, Opposite old Tollgate, Mysore Road, GEF Post, Bengaluru-26. No.15, 1st Cross, Mysore Road, Guddadahalli, BBMP Ward No.43 of Padarayanapura, New Ward No.136 of Jagajeevanramnagar, PID No.43-2-15, Bengaluru.	East to West: towards Northern Side : 75 feet, towards Southern Side : 72.6 feet & North to South : towards Eastern side : 30 feet, towards Western Side: 15 feet. East by:- Oil Mill Compound, West by:- Road, North by:- Property belongs to Kanniyappa, South by:- Passage & Property belongs to Susheelamma.	Rs. 1,02,54,758/- (Interest from 11.12.2023) Notice Date : 12.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 1,38,00,000/-	23.01.2024 12.00 P.M
06	Sri. Krishnappa.V No. 1, 89, 2nd Cross, Bakshi Garden, Belimat Road, Dr. T.C.M. Road, Bangalore-53. No. 227, Bakshi Garden, BBMP Ward No. 30 of K.R. Market, PID No. 30-56-227, Bangalore.	East to West: 15 feet & North to South: 20 feet, East by :- Road, West by :- Site No. 228, North by :- Site No. 226, South by :- Road.	Rs. 2,85,247/- (Interest from 11.12.2023) Notice Date : 12.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 19,87,000/-	23.01.2024 12.30 P.M
07	Sri. Mohammed Mustafa No. 42A, 13th Cross, Padarayanapura, Bengaluru-26. No.40/1-1, 13th Cross, Padarayanapura, PID No.44-7-40/1-1, Jagajeevanramnagar, BBMP Ward No. 44, Bangalore.	East to West: 60 feet & North- South: 12 feet East by :- Remaining portion of Eastern Side property No. 40/1, West by :- Road, North by :- 80X6 feet Common passage thereafter property No. 40, South by :- Others property,	Rs. 16,28,243/- (Interest from 11.12.2023) Notice Date : 12.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 45,00,000/-	23.01.2024 01.00 P.M
08	Smt. Mallika. R (Deceased), Legal Representatives by : 1) Srinivas. V (Son), 2) Manjula. V (Daughter), 3) 19, 9th Main Road, Mariyappana Palya, K.P. Agrahara, Bengaluru-560 023. New Municipal No. 02, Present Corporation Khatha No. 2/2, 9th Main Road, mariyappanapalya, K.P. Agrahara, BBMP Ward No.29 of Cottonpet, PID No. 29-29-2/2, Bengaluru.	East to West : 30 feet & North to South : 50 feet East by:- Lakshmanma's property West by:- Previously Road, present others property North by:- Road South by:- Venkatesh's Property	Rs. 8,60,149/- (Interest from 11.12.2023) Notice Date : 12.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 90,00,000/-	23.01.2024 01.30 P.M

09	Sri. Subbaiah. K.R No.127, 2nd Cross, Bakshi Garden, Dr. TCM Royan Road, Bengaluru-53. Property bearing No.127, 2nd Cross, Bakshi Garden Dr. T.C.M. Royan Road, BBMP Ward No. 30 of Sri. K.R. Market, PID No. 30-56- 127, Bengaluru-53.	East to West: 15 Feet & North to South: 20 feet. East by :- Site No. 126, West by :- Site No. 128, North by :- Road, South by :- Site No. 124.	Rs. 6,58,518/- (Interest from 11.12.2023) Notice Date : 12.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 18,90,000/-	23.01.2024 02.00 P.M
10	Sri. Shantha Kumar. S No. 34, 5th Cross, Dayanandha Nagar, Srirampuram, Bengaluru-21. New No. 33, Old No.333/31, 5th Cross, Dayanand Nagar, BBMP Ward No. 24 of Bashyam Nagar, PID No. 24-30-33, Bengaluru.	East to West: 12 feet & North to South: 19 feet East by:- Conservancy West by:- Conservancy North by :- Site No. 334, South by :- Road	Rs. 12,60,886/- (Interest from 11.12.2023) Notice Date : 12.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 17,90,000/-	23.01.2024 02.30 P.M
11	Sri. Saleem Khan No.33/2, 6th Cross Sirsi Road, Chamarajapet Bengaluru-18. 1st Schedule :- New No.33/4, Previously No.33, Old No.29/1, Sirsi Road, 6th Cross, Chamarajpet, BBMP Ward No.46 of Chamarajpet, PID No.46-2-33/4, Bangalore. 2nd Schedule:- New No. 33/4, Previously No.33, Old No. 29/1, Sirsi Road, 6th Cross, Chamarajpet, BBMP Ward No.46 of Chamarajpet, PID No.46-2-33/4, Bangalore.	East to West: 13 feet & North to South : 16 feet East by: Deshamma's House/ Private Property, West by: Common Passage, Measuring East to West: 4 feet and North to South : 54 feet (Common to all) North by: Portion Gifted to Saleem Khan, South by: Remaining Portion of the same Number Property retained by B.K. Govindaraj. East - West: 13 feet & North-South: 18 feet East by: Deshamma's House / Private Property West by :- Common Passage, Measuring East to West : 4 feet and North to South : 54 feet (Common to all) North by :- Portion Gifted to Abdul Khuddus Khan alias Pyaru, South by: Portion Gifted to Shaheen Taj, Above item No 1. & item 2. Amalgamated of the Measurement East to west 13 feet & North to South 34 feet (Total Measurement 442 Sq Feet)	Rs. 21,40,368/- (Interest from 11.12.2023) Notice Date : 12.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 55,85,000/-	23.01.2024 03.00 P.M
12	Sri. Yezaj B No.05, 9th Main Road, Padarayanapura, Bengaluru - 560 026. No.13/3, Eastern portion No. 14/2, Later Municipal No.14/2-1, southern portion, situated at 17th Cross, Padarayanapura, Mysore Road, BBMP Ward No.44 of Jagajeevan Ramnagar, With PID No.44-12-14/2, Bengaluru.	East to West: 15 feet & North to South: 30 feet East by:- Private property bearing No. 01 West by:- Western portion of property bearing No. 14/2, North by :- Private property South by:- Main Road.	Rs. 16,24,321/- (Interest from 11.12.2023) Notice Date : 12.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 32,00,000/-	23.01.2024 03.30 P.M
13	Sri. Mohammed Hameed No.22, 9th Cross K.K. Lane, Cottonpet, Bengaluru-53. New Municipal No.11, Old No.52, Municipal No.46, 9th Cross, Kanthina Krishnappa Galli, Cottonpet, Gandhinagar, BBMP Ward No.27 & Ward No.94 of Gandhinagar, PID No. 27-51-11, Bengaluru.	East to West: 27 feet & North to South: 17.6 feet Adjacent Portion of the property measuring East to West: 17 feet, North to South : 7 feet. East by :- Government Galli, West by :- Property belongs to Channalingappa, North by: Property belongs to Venkataramanappa South by :- Property belongs to Neelarangappa	Rs. 52,60,840/- (Interest from 11.12.2023) Notice Date : 12.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 85,00,000/-	23.01.2024 04.00 P.M
14	Dr. Syed Dawood No.13/1, 3rd Cross Thimmanahalli Sy. No.205 of Kempapura Agrahara Presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.36 of Govindarajnagar, With PID No.36-53-13/1, Bengaluru.	East to West: 40 feet & North to South: 30 feet East by: Road, West by: Thimmaiah's property presently coming Private property North by: Thimmaiah's property & Askwathkatti presently private property, South by: Annaiah's property presently private property.	Rs. 15,15,339/- (Interest from 11.12.2023) Notice Date : 12.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 1,18,00,000/-	23.01.2024 04.30 P.M
15	Sri. Rafiq & Sri. Athiq No.8/1 (8/A), 6th Cross West of Padarayanapura, Bengaluru-560026. Old No.08, No.8A, property No.13, Sy. No.88/2, 6th Cross West of Padarayanapura, Old Guddadahalli, BMP Ward No.43, Padarayanapura, PID No.43-95-8/A, Bengaluru.	East to West: 15 feet & North to South: 40 feet East by :- Savithramma's property West by :- Site No. 14 North by :- Road South by :- Site No. 26.	Rs. 36,26,121/- (Interest from 11.12.2023) Notice Date : 12.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 41,25,000/-	23.01.2024 04.45 P.M
16	Sri. Syed Makthir No.35, 13th 'F' Cross, Padarayanapura, Bengaluru-26. Old No.55/4, New No.28/5, 13th Cross, pylwan kodakasab JanRoad, Padarayanapura, BBMP Ward No.43 & New Ward No.135 of Padarayanapura, PID No.43-136-28/5, Bengaluru.	East to West: 15 feet & North to South: 25 feet. East by:- Property belongs to Narayanappa West by:- Road North by :- Others property South by :- Others property.	Rs. 23,64,559/- (Interest from 11.12.2023) Notice Date : 12.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 33,00,000/-	23.01.2024 05.10 P.M

(1) The public auction will be conducted in the premises of Administrative office, No.3, Pampa Mahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-18. (2) For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10 % of the Reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit. The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to Adhere to the terms of Sale, time and commits default in any manner. (3) The successful bidders should deposit 25 % of the bid amount on the same day at the sale in cash/D.D. to the bank and the balance Within 15 days from the date of sale. (4) The Successful bidders shall bear all expenses like stamp duty Registration fee etc., for getting the sale certificate Registered in his/her favour. (5) The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone / cancel the auction without assigning any reasons therefor. (6) For inspection of the property and other particular, the intending bidders



TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)



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Sl.No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No	Total
1	CE / MM	M.69, M.70, M.71, M.72	4
2	CE / MTPS-I	570	1

For details of Works/Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in DIPR/6724/Tender/2023



KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : 167/2023-24/PHC/KNR



KWA

JIM-WSS to Peravoor & adjoining Panchayths (Peravoor, Muzhakunnu, Kolayad, Chittiarparamba, Aralam and Ayyankunnu) -Aralam High-Level zone-General Civil Work. (Construction of GLSR, Steel Tank, Sump-Supplying and Laying Pumping Main, Distribution Line, and Pump set). EMD : Rs. 200000, Tender fee : Rs. 13010, Last Date for submitting Tender : 11-01-2024 03:00-pm, Phone : 04972705902
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
KWA-JS-GL-6-1841-2023-24 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kannur



JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)



Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower/s, Co-Borrower/s, Guarantor/s and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**, by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset**, whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower/s/ Co-Borrower/s/ Guarantor/s/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with full interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Shaik Nabl Prop. M/s. Coconut Water and Fast Food Center, Also at: M/s. Coconut Water and Fast Food Center, 2) Mrs. Hajira Begaum	Loan Account No. 32509440000460 Loan Amount: Rs.4,00,000/-	Mortgaged Immovable Property: All the piece and parcel of property bearing Property No.246, Junjur No.347, Situated at Shivakapalya Village, Mangandanthalli Dhakale, Hulimangala Grama Panchayath, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. Measuring: East to West: 27 ft. North to South: 22 ft. Total measuring 594 sq.ft and Bounded on: East by: Noor Jains property, West by: Pyaru Sab's property, North by: Mumtaz's property, South by: 4ft Passages belong to Donor. Together 594 Sq.ft ACC Sheet roofing house theroon. Mud & Brick Wall, Red Oxide Flooring, Jungle Wood Doors and Windows having all civic amenities.	Date of NPA: 02-12-2023 Demand Notice Date: 19-12-2023	Rs.3,58,893.07 (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Three and Seven Paise) only due as on 18-12-2023

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/s/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower/s/ Co-Borrower/s/ Guarantor/s/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 21.12.2023, Place: Bangalore Rural Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited



सेन्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया
Central Bank of India



CBI

Regional Office, Second Floor, Grand Majestic Mall, No.12, 2 nd Cross, Gandhinagar, BENGALURU 560 009

APPENDIX : IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]

SALE CUM E-AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Central Bank of India, (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" [Exclusive of Furniture / Fixture / Stocks / Movables] basis on **06/01/2024** through online web portal (<https://www.msstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>) for recovery of below mentioned amount dues to the Central Bank of India, Secured Creditor from the below mentioned Borrowers and Guarantors/Mortgagors. The Reserve Price& EMD and other details are mentioned in below table. For Detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditor's web site www.centralbankofindia.co.in. Last date of deposit of EMD will be **02/01/2024**.

S. No.	Name of Borrowers & Guarantors / Mortgagors Branch Name	Amount outstanding	Description of Property	Reserve Price	EMD	Bid Increment Amount	Other Encumbrances	Date of Visit & Contact person details
1	Mrs. Kamla Raj Purohit (Borrower) Mr. Pravin Singh (Co-Borrower) Branch Name: Miller Road Bangalore Possession Type: Physical Possession	Rs. 1,16,40,227.77 as on 02/11/2023 + further interest thereon Account details: CC (3783745372) TL (3892334785) HL (406456737) CGECL (3836338471)	All the piece and parcel of the residential Flat/Apartment property in the Name of Mrs. Kamla Raj Purohit & Mr. Pravin Singh bearing Three Bed room residential Apartment bearing No. SUN-16G-1001, on 10 th Floor in the 6 G Block/Wing of the residential complex "PROVIDENT SUNWORTH" constructed on the schedule A property having a Carpet area of 775 Sq.ft (which is inclusive of balconies & utility space) corresponding to a Super Built Up area of 1082 Sq.ft. Together with right to use one covered Car Parking facility to be allotted separately. All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Property of Flat Apartment bearing No. SUN-16G-1001, on 10 th Floor in the 6 G Block/Wing of the residential complex "PROVIDENT SUNWORTH" constructed on the schedule A property having a Carpet area of 775 Sq.ft (which is inclusive of balconies & utility space) corresponding to a Super Built Up area of 1082 Sq.ft. Together with right to use one covered Car Parking facility to be allotted separately. BOUNDARIES:For land :East:3meter access Road and thereafter Doddabale Village Boundry,West:Kambipura Village Boundary,North:Doddabale Village Boundary, South:Yushabhavathi Valley and Private property For Flat:East:Entrance,West:Open to sky,North:Flat no. 1002, South:Lift Area then open to sky	Rs. 40,00,000/- The property shall be sold only above the reserve price.	Rs. 4,00,000.00	Rs. 10,000/-	Not Known to Bank	02/01/2024 Mrs. Swathi Sharma, Branch Manager 9538877301

This may also be treated as notice under Rule 8(6) / Rule 9(1) of security (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of e-Auction sale on the above date.

For participating in the E-auction sale, the intending bidders should register their details with the service provider <https://msstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp> well in advance and shall get user ID & password. Intending bidders advised to change only the password. Bidder may visit <https://msstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp> for educational videos. For detailed terms & conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided Bank's website www.centralbankofindia.co.in.

Bidder will register on website <https://msstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp> and upload KYC documents and after verification of KYC documents by the service provider, EMD to be deposited in Global EMD wallet through NEFT/transfer (after generation for Challan from <https://msstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>).

The highest and successful bidder should pay the 25% of the bid amount (including EMD amount) on the same or next day of auction. EMD amount shall be forfeited, if the successful bidder fails to pay the 25% of the bid amount within the next day of auction. The entire bid amount should be paid within 15 days of the confirmation of sale. Failure to pay the bid amount within the stipulated will lead to forfeiture of the amount already paid.

Sale Certificate shall be issued only in the name/s of the person/s who has/have submitted the bid, not in the name of any other person/s. Successful bidder shall bear the registration costs/stamp duty or any other cost applicable.

The Terms & conditions shall be strictly as per the provisions of the security interest Rules (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICES UNDER RULE 8(6)/RULE 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002 FOR PROPERTIES

Date: 20.12.2023
Place:BANGALORE

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA



ICICI Bank



ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr.No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Hemang Pankaj Shah (Borrower) Mr. Pankajbhai Vimalbhai Shah (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number LBABD00002282112	All That Piece and Parcel of The Ownership of The Residential Flat No G-1 Having Khatha Municipal No 20 On Ground Floor With Super Built-up Area 2149 Sq. Ft. Along With Car Parking Slot In Stilt Floor In The Building Constructed On The Schedule-A Property With Electrical And Sanitary Fittings, Along With All Amenities, Together With Proportionate Share/area of Common Use of Terrace, Common Area, Stair, Case, Lifts, Terrace Area Etc. With Vitrified Flooring of Property Block No. 10, Site No. 1, Bmp Khata No 20 (Old No.1), Pld No. Bmp Ward No 77 Sampangirama Nagar, Situated At V-3 Serpentine Road, Bangalore-560020	Rs. 1,52,16, 405.61/- (as on December 14, 2023)	Rs. 95,00, 000/- Rs. 9,50,000/-	January 03, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	January 17, 2024 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
2.	Mr. Hemang Pankaj Shah (Borrower) Mr. Pankajbhai Vimalbhai Shah (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number LBABD00002282101	All that piece and parcel of the ownership of the Residential Flat No F-1 having Khatha Municipal No 20/1 on 1st Floor with Super built-up area 2149 Sq. Ft. along with car parking slot in Stilt floor in the building constructed on the Schedule-A property with electrical and sanitary fittings, along with all amenities, together with proportionate share/area of common use of terrace, common area, Stair, case, lifts, terrace area Etc. with vitrified flooring of property Block No. 10, Site No. 1, BMP Khata No 20 (Old No.1), PID No. BMP Ward No 77 Sampangiramanagar, Situated at V-3 Serpentine Road, Bangalore-560020	Rs. 1,51,77, 011.61/- (as on December 14, 2023)	Rs. 95,00, 000/- Rs. 9,50, 000/-	January 03, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	January 17, 2024 from 12:30 PM to 01:30 PM
3.	Mr. Ashoka Chinnaswamy Raju (Borrower) Mrs. Veena Ashoka Raju (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number LBBNG00005158695	All That Piece and Parcel of Residential Apartment Bearing Nos.003 & 004 On The Ground Floor of The Multi-storied Building Known As "Sankeshwar Crystal", Constructed And Erected On Property Bearing Composite Municipal No.22 (earlier Bearing Portion of Old No. 3, Then 23, Municipal Nos.5,6 & 7), BBMP Khatha No.22, Pld No.50-33-22, Situated At New School Road, VV Puram, in BBMP Ward No.50 (VV Puram), Bangalore With Details And Other Attributes Mentioned Hereunder: Undivided Share In: 600 Sq. Ft., In The A Schedule 'A' Property Land. Super Built-up Area: 4200 Sq. Ft., Including Proportionate Share of Common Area With The Floors, Balcony, Ceiling And Walls Between Apartments Jointly Belonging To Such Apartment Owners Equally With Carpet Area Measuring 3360 Sq. Ft., Garden Area: 600 Sq. Ft., Car Parking: Four Car Parking Spaces Accommodation: Consisting of Living-Cum-dining Rooms, Pooja Rooms, Kitchens, Bed Rooms, Toilets & Balconies Roof: Rec Flooring; Vitrified Tiles Walls: Solid Cement Blocks Doors & Windows: Aluminium Glazed Windows & Honne Door. Amenities Provided : Lift, Water, Electricity and Sanitary Connections	Rs. 5,07,14, 171.63/- (as on December 14, 2023)	Rs. 3,20,00, 000/- Rs. 32,00, 000/-	January 03, 2024 from 02:00 AM to 05:00 PM	January 17, 2024 from 01:30 PM to 02:30 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** (URL Link-www.disposalhub.com). The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **January 16, 2024** before **04:00 PM** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068** on or before **January 16, 2024** before **05:00 PM** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **January 16, 2024** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068** on or before **January 16, 2024** before **05:00 PM**. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "**ICICI Bank Limited**" payable at **Bangalore**.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** on **9844542086/8008995936/7304918084**.

Please note that Marketing agencies i. **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

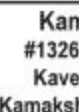
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4ps

Date: December 21, 2023
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited



बैंक ऑफ बड़ोदा
Bank of Baroda



Bank of Baroda

Kamakshipalya Branch
#1326, Bhagyalakshmi Tower,
Kaveri Nagar, Magadi Road,
Kamakshipalya, Bangalore-560079.

POSSESSION NOTICE (See Rule 8(1)) (for immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Bank of Baroda, Kamakshipalya Branch** under the Securitization and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued a demand notice dated **04.09.2023** calling upon the borrower **Sri Shaik Mahaboob Basha**, No.128, 1st Main Road, Kempegowda layout, Outer Ring Road, Laggere, Bengaluru, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.44,79,107.25/-** (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand One Hundred Seven and Paise Twenty Five Only) as on **04.09.2023** together with further interest upon **05.09.2023** thereon at the contractual rate plus costs charges and expenses till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rules 8 & 9 of the said rules on this **16th day of December the year 2023**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda** for an amount of **Rs.44,79,107.25/-** (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand One Hundred Seven and Paise Twenty Five Only) as on **04.09.2023** together with further interest upon **05.09.2023** thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immoveable Property: All that piece & parcel of property Site No.128 formed in Assessment No.43, Laggere Village, Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk previously Dasarahalli Nagarasabe Khatha No.334, Ward no.31 presently comes under the limits of BBMP Kottigepalya ward no.73, Laggere, Kempegowda nagar, Khatha No. 334, New PID No.073-W0088-15, Municipal no.128, Measuring East to West:15ft and North to South: 40ft. Totally measuring 600 Sq.ft. Bounded by: East by: Eastern portion of the property no.128 khata no.334 belongs to Donor, West by: Property no.129, North by: Road, South by: Property no.127.

Date : 16.12.2023
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda



YES BANK



Yes Bank Limited

Prestige obelisk, Municipal No.3, Ground Floor, Kasturba Road, Bangalore-560001

POSSESSION NOTICE (U/s. Rule 8 (1) - for immovable property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of YES Bank Ltd. under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec.13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the respective borrowers mentioned hereunder to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective notices U/s (13(2) of the said Act within a period of 60 days.

The respective borrowers having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Sec.13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rules.

The respective borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said properties and any dealing with these properties will be subject to the charge of the YES Bank Ltd. for the respective amount mentioned herein below along with interest thereon at contracted rate.

Sr. No.	Agreement No.:	Type of Loan:	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice :	Sec.13(2) Notice	Symbolic Date:
1	AFH002200887918	Home Loan	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice :2,87,624	Date: 17-05-2023	15-12-2023

Name of Borrowers, co-borrowers, guarantors, Mortgagors: Smt.Lakshmi S & Sri. Subbahlal K.

Details of secured asset: Item 1: All that piece and parcel of immovable property pertains to BDA, Allur Village, Residential Apartment No.64 in 27 & 28 block constructed in Sy.No.113 with building property and measuring East to West 59.20 meter and North to South 17.50 meter, total measuring 1036 Sq.meter bounded as follows:
East: Road; West: BDA property/Road; North: Passage; South: Road.
Item 2: Undivided share of 33.526 Sq.meter.
Item 3: (Description of the Apartment) 1 BHK constructed in "Schedule-I", Part B, Item 1" situated at Allur Layout, B27 Block, Ground floor, Flat No.001, having complete right of 33.526 Sq.meter property, of pro rata share in common areas like passage, stair case, lift, as permissible under the applicable law, having total builtup area 33.526 sq.meter and bounded as follows:
East: Staircase, West: Block No.27-Flat No.002, North: Block No.27-Flat No.004, South: Road.

Sr. No.	Agreement No.:	Type of Loan:	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice :	Sec.13(2) Notice	Symbolic Date:
2	AFH002200475569	Home Loan	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice :2,074,170.21	Date: 17-08-2023	15-12-2023

Name of Borrowers, co-borrowers, guarantors, Mortgagors: Mr. Satyesh, S & Mr. Deepak, S.

Details of secured asset: All that piece and parcel of the western portion of the vacant land measuring 1200 Sq.feet bearing site number 62, serial number/Khatha/Jungur/Assessment number 1290 measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 40 feet, situated at Previously Nelamangala Taluk, presently Bangalore North taluk, DasanapuraHobli, Bethanagere Village, Survey Number 12/15, totally measuring 2 Acre 23 Guntas, Converted from Agricultural to Non – Agriculture Residential purpose vide conversion order A.L.N(N).S.R.309/04-05 passed by the special commissioner/revenue Bangalore District Dated 23-02-2005 and Survey Number 120 measuring 3 Acres 1 Guntia situated at Bethenagere Village Converted from Agricultural to Residential Purpose vide conversion order A.L.N(N).S.R.310/04-05 passed by the special commissioner/revenue Bangalore District Dated 23-02-2005 and the residential layout plan approved by Nelamangala Town Planning Authority and BMRDA vide number NPA/LAO/08/2006/07 dated 23-01-2008 in the layout known as Bangalore township and bounded on the:
East By: Eastern portion of Site No. 62, West By : Park, North By : 9 Metre wide road, South By: Site bearing No. 65
As contemplated U/s. 13(8) of the Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Dated: 15th-December-2023, Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorized Officer - Sharath Kumar P, For YES BANK Limited



BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE



Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Bommanahalli Zone, Bangalore

No: SADH(BOM)/BBMP/TENDER/02/2023-24 Dated:20.12.2023

LETTER OF INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (SHORT TERM)

(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only) (Second Call)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture Bommanahalli Zone, (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites Tenders to Implement in accordance with KTPP rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person/ Agencies/Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour Department for Maintenance of Parks. (Standard Tender Document KW-1, 2, 3 & 4)

Sl. No.	Name of the Works/Category	Estimate Cost	EMD Amount
1	Maintenance of Parks at Uttarahalli Ward No-202 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (Others)	13,25,233/-	33,131/-
2	Maintenance of Parks at Subramanyapura Ward No-203 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (Others)	85,70,733/-	1,71,415/-
3	Maintenance of Parks at Vasanthapura Ward No-204 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (ST)	15,75,033/-	19,688/-
4	Maintenance of Parks at Yalachenahalli Ward No-205 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (Others)	23,55,150/-	50,000/-
5	Maintenance of Parks at Konanakunte Ward No-206 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (Others)	17,49,250/-	43,731/-
6	Maintenance of Parks at RBI Layout Ward No-207 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (Others)	63,57,900/-	1,27,158/-
7	Maintenance of Parks at Gottigere Ward No-209 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (Others)	61,50,800/-	1,23,016/-
8	Maintenance of Parks at Jaraganahalli Ward No-213 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (Others)	10,86,667/-	27,167/-
9	Maintenance of Parks at Puttenahalli Ward No-214 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (ST)	8,22,450/-	10,281/-
10	Maintenance of Parks at Bililekahalli Ward No-215 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (SC)	28,89,117/-	28,891/-
11	Maintenance of Parks at Hulimavu Ward No-216 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (Others)	16,51,650/-	41,291/-
12	Maintenance of Parks at Kodichikkanahalli Ward No-217 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (Others)	16,86,000/-	42,150/-
13	Maintenance of Parks at Bommanahalli Ward No-218 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (SC)	3,27,375/-	4,092/-
14	Maintenance of Parks at Hongasandra Ward No-219 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (SC)	89,200/-	1,115/-
15	Maintenance of Parks at HSR Layout Ward No-221 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (Others)	1,07,30,194/-	2,00,000/-
16	Maintenance of Parks at Ibbalur Ward No-222 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (Others)	37,50,244/-	75,005/-
17	Maintenance of Parks at Mangammanapalya Ward No-223 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (SC)	3,24,000/-	4,050/-
18	Maintenance of Parks at Hosaroad Ward No-224 in Bommanahalli Zone (Call-2) (Others)	9,55,833/-	23,896/-
19	Maintenance of Borewells in Bommanahalli Assembly Constituency Parks (Call-2) (Others)	45,00,000/-	90,000/-
20	Maintenance of Borewells in South Assembly Constituency Parks (Call-2) (Others)	42,00,000/-	84,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Date of Notification is **20.12.2023**. (2) Tender can be downloaded from **22.12.2023** (3) Pre bid meeting on **26.12.2023** at **11:30 am**. (4) Tender Closing date **30.12.2023** at **4:30 pm**. (5) Technical Bid Opening Date **02.01.2024** at **11:30 am** (6) Financial Bid Opening Date: **After approval of Technical Bid**. (7) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: www.bbmp.gov.in. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>
Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Bommanahalli Zone)



Karur Vysya Bank



Karur Vysya Bank LTD

DIVISIONAL OFFICE BUILDING
No.6, 2nd Floor, Shri Vasavi Temple Road,
Sajjan Rao Circle, VV Puram, Bangalore- 560 004

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immoveable Property)

Issued Under Rule 8(1) Of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited** under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **02.06.2023** calling upon the borrower **1) Mr. Harish Kumar R S/o, Mr. Rajagopal E G No.4, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, 2nd Phase, PNB Nagar, Doddakallasandra Post, Bangalore- 560062** **2) Mr. Yogesh S/o, Mr. Rajagopal E G #321 Himagiri Meadows, Gottigere Village, Bannerhatta Road, Bangalore-560002** **3) Mrs. Gangabai K R (Guarantor) W/o Mr. Rajagopal E G No.4, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, 2nd Phase, PNB Nagar, Doddakallasandra Post, Bangalore- 560062** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 80,67,220.29** (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty and Paise Twenty Nine Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **20th Day of December 2023**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited** for an amount of **Rs. 50,56,136.98** (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand One Hundred Thirty Six and Ninety Eight Paise only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immoveable Property

All that piece and parcel of the house property constructed on the Residential bearing No.321, BBMP Khata No. 2121/5780/321 in Sy No. 36 situated at Himagiri Meadows Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. Measuring East to West: (40+42)2 feet and North to South: (74+63)2 feet in total measuring 2718 sq.ft. bounded on East by: Road, West by: Site no.320, North by: Site no.56 and 57, South by: Road.

Date : 20.12.2023
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
The Karur Vysya Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients, (1) SRI. SATISH KUMAR S (2) SRI. S. SHASHANK, (3) SRI. S. SRICHARAN SUDARSHAN AND (4) SMT. SELVI S., residing at No.48, Telecom Layout, 4th Cross, Pipeline, Vijayanagar, Bangalore- 560040 intend to purchase the Schedule Property herein, from its owner SRI. B. BALAKRISHNA, residing at No.869, 14th Cross Road, Muneshwara Layout, BANGALORE-560 086 and to create mortgage in favour of REFCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED, M. G. Road Branch, Bangalore-560002, as security for the loan to be availed by them to purchase the Schedule Property, if anybody has any claims, rights, title, interest or any objection in the Schedule Property, may be sent to my following address within 7 days from the date of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Site No.



D Gukesh will overtake Anish Giri in the FIDE circuit standings as long as he is able to produce a win on demand in the final round of the Chennai Grand Masters on Thursday. He continues to have sole lead of the tournament after he played out a draw in round 6. However, Arjun Erigaisi beat Parham Maghsoodloo to pick up a second win to go joint second in the standings with P Harikrishna & Pavel Eljanov on 3.5 points.

Great to end year on a good note, says Satwik after sports ministry confirms recognition

THE KHEL RATNAS

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

PASSION, hunger and winning mentality. Ever since their emergence at the senior badminton circuit, Indian doubles duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have embraced those attributes wholeheartedly and made heads turn.

With their indomitable spirit, the men's doubles pair has evolved organically and made some pathbreaking runs. One notable feat this year was touching the World No 1 ranking. With as many as five titles in 2023, it is fitting that they were major honorees for the prestigious Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.

Satwik is naturally stoked after this latest recognition. "Feeling happy. I called my father first, and he's very happy and that makes me very happy. Generally, he doesn't give much reaction but this time it was different. It's great to end the year on a great note," he told this daily. It was indeed a landmark year for the men's doubles pair as they captured five titles - Swiss Open, Indonesia Open, Korea Open, Asian Games and Asian Championships. These hits had catapulted them to No 1 ranking in October, a first for India in doubles category. "A good achievement this year. It was good, being on top of the world. We had a few



Badminton duo Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty had a stellar 2023

losses as well. After this award, it is more special," he added.

The 23-year-old said that they'll continue to put emphasis on staying hungry and determined as they enter Olympic year. "I feel it's more about the mindset right now. We are almost there. The more hunger we have, the better we can perform. If we are satisfied, then we won't have any fire in our game. We need to manage our bodies as well. We got a break now and we're recharged for the new season. It's a huge opportunity for us. We want to do well in the upcoming tournaments and see where we can reach before the Olympics," Satwik noted.

Having an encouraging support system in the form of his family and coaches has helped Satwik find more clarity on what he needs to do in order to

improve. Star cricketer Virat Kohli has also left a marked impression on him. "I also have looked up to Virat Kohli as an inspiration. Whether he's playing with a small or a big team, he's always played with big passion. He's hungry for everything. When he is on the field, one can see that he's hungry to give his best. I want the same for us," Satwik said.

"Even our coach Mathias Boe is a big inspiration. He played at a high level, continuously and consistently. Their approach was smart. On court, they gave 100 per cent."

After a 10-day break, the shuttler from Amalapuram (Andhra Pradesh) has resumed training with 2024 in mind. Over the years, he has had his share of injuries and that is something that he is wary of.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

After Arjuna, Hussamuddin set for return

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

THE last six months or so has been a challenging period for boxer Mohammed Hussamuddin. After suffering an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury during the World Championships in May, he was forced to be on the sidelines for a long period, a period that included the Asian Games. Having regained his health, he's now set to return to the national camp in Patiala and the Arjuna Award could not come at a right time for the pugilist from Nizamabad. "This is big for me. I'm really happy," Hussamuddin, who was undergoing his rehabilitation in IIS, Bellary, told this daily.

The two-time Commonwealth Games medalist had captured a bronze medal during the aforementioned Worlds in Tashkent before being forced to hand a walkover during the semifinals. "I have recovered. It has been around two months. I underwent a surgery (knee). IIS has taken good care of me and I was able to recover quickly. The rehabilitation process was really good," the 57-kg boxer said. Having gotten the green light from doctors and officials, the 29-year-old is keen on being part of the Olympic equation, especially after missing out on Asia (which was an Olympic qualifying event).

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Separate teams & camps: Praggs and Vaishali's Candidates prep underway

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

ONE camp is already over and several more are in the pipeline. The teams responsible for giving the brother-sister duo of R Vaishali and R Praggnanandhaa all the necessary information have been identified. In Praggs' case, he won't be playing in too many tournaments leading up to the Candidates. The focus, instead, will be on camps where he will work with his team on various aspects of the game leading up to the elite eight-player tournament from where the winner will get the right to face Ding Liren and Ju Wenjun (the two world champions). This much was revealed by their coach, RB Ramesh, during an interaction on the sidelines of the ongoing Chennai Grand Masters meet.

The seconds for both players have already been identified but Ramesh understandably didn't want to reveal the names. Instead, he was happy to describe what their next four months would look like. "We cannot discuss too much in the public eye," he said. "But we are putting out a team for both players and we have already had one camp for them (the camps will be an ongoing process. They will also be playing in tournaments from time to time.) But he was keen to stress on it being just another event. "It is an important event but not the end of the world," he said. "It will be part of the long-



Happy to receive the award. It should become deserving of such an honour. Will give my best.

- RB Ramesh on winning Dronacharya

term preparations."

While the 47-year-old will be a critical cog in the wheels of both players, the think-tank still hasn't decided on whether he will be in situ in Toronto in April or provide remote support. "We are still thinking about it," Ramesh, who has been coaching both for them for the last decade, said. "The point is not for me to travel to Canada but what's the best way for me to help them. There's a 12-hour time difference between India and Canada so maybe it makes sense to take advantage of it."

While he did say there would be no problems in balancing the need for some chess work in place of tournament play, they have taken the decision to bring down Praggs' matches over the next four-five months. "It's not very tough. This is just a question of scheduling. We already

know which tournaments he will play from now till the Candidates, there won't be many of them. Whatever time we have in between, we are trying to get some camps for him and also prepare him psychologically and physically as well (both of them, though, will be in action at the World Rapid and Blitz beginning in under a week)."

He was also intimate on what has changed for Vaishali over the last few months. "As I mentioned, Vaishali has been making steady progress. She also crossed the rating barrier (2500). She was kind of stuck at 2430 for some time and it looked like a steep climb. But she got it in a few months. It shows she knows what works for her. Otherwise a gain of 70 points at this level is not easy."

He was similarly open about Praggs' last 18 months or so. "He was also stuck at 2690 for 6-8 months. That was a tough period. (but) starting from the Dubai Global Chess competition, he started performing very well. Earlier, he was making lots of draws and not many wins. But he started winning more from June-July. From there, he won in Hungary in a strong tournament by winning games... I now feel he's a complete player."

Standings (after six rounds): 1. Gukesh (four points), 2. Harikrishna, Eljanov, Erigaisi (3.5 points), 5. Aronian (3), 6. Maghsoodloo, Sjugirov (2.5), 8. Predke (1.5). Thursday's pairings: Gukesh vs Harikrishna, Erigaisi vs Sjugirov, Predke vs Maghsoodloo, Eljanov vs Aronian.

Jyothi's dad says family shattered

ENS @ Chennai

ON a day when the national sports awards were announced, Jyothi Surekha Vennam's family was left distraught. She has been ignored for Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna and her father Surendra Kumar Vennam claimed that she was ignored despite stellar performances this season and in the last four years. He said that she should have been selected on the basis of her performance at the Asian Games this year and her stellar performances at the Archery World Championships and World Cups. "I call this historic wrong judgement," Surendra Vennam told this daily from Vijayawada. Jyothi's father said her historic three gold at the Asian Games too have been ignored. "She should not have been ignored. I am planning to approach the court on Friday," said Surendra, who felt her points in the four-year cycle would have been enough to fetch her Khel Ratna. He said that he already had discussions with lawyers in Vijayawada and felt he had a strong case.

In the four-year cycle, she has won some 23 medals out of which 11 were gold. She won three at the Asian Games this time and one at the world championships as well. "Our family is completely shattered," said Surendra. "We have devoted so much to her sport and with her medals she should have got more than 148 points." He has listed out international 53 medals and more than 60 in national events.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

SERIES AT STAKE

WILL SAMSON STEP UP?

While it is true that he has not gotten a long rope in a role, Sanju Samson isn't helping himself. On Tuesday, when the opportunity presented itself to hold ground and make it big, Samson did not make the most of it, getting out for 12 runs from 23 balls. With not much ODI cricket left for the next six months or so, Samson would want to do well on Thursday.

BURGER VS GAIKWAD

In both the ODIs, Ruturaj Gaikwad got out in single digits and that does not look good for him. With several youngsters pushing themselves up the ladder, adding pressure on those in the squad, Gaikwad will be on the radar as he takes on Nandre Burger up front.

Having lost the second ODI, Men in Blue would want to bounce back at Paarl and bag the series. A look...

South Africa vs India, Paarl Live on Star Sports/Hot Star, 4.30 PM

Chance for players to impress in last SA ODI

GOMESH S @ Chennai

A month has passed since millions of Indian hearts were broken in the World Cup final. While fans can take their time to sulk in the loss, it is not the same for the players who were in the middle of it all. Nor is it the same to the administrators. The professional commitments are such that several players from both India and Australia had to take the field in the T20 series less than 100 hours after the summit clash.

Such is the cutthroat nature of the sporting world that they have to shift focus, prepare, plan and train based on what lies ahead. And for the next eight months with T20 World Cup in June, all teams would be turning their attention to the short-

est format. Which is why, even as the Men in Blue take the field in Paarl on Thursday hoping to win the three-match ODI series against South Africa, the result would not matter much.

For starters, India do not play another ODI until they travel to Sri Lanka in July 2024. And that is not all. Those three ODIs in the Island Nation will be the only series the Indian team plays in the format through the year according to the men's FTP. Three 50-over games in 12 months pretty much sums up the significance the format holds for the team and the administrators. In 2024, India have three T20Is against Afghanistan, IPL and the T20 World Cup followed by six games in the format against SL and Bangladesh.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Dhruv-Tanisha pair off to a good start in natls

GUWAHATI: The Dhruv Kapila-Tanisha Crasto mixed doubles pair continued their triumphant run, defeating the duo of Vanlalringgheta Joseph and Laldingpulli Ralte 21-5, 21-7 on the opening day of the Senior National Badminton Championships on Wednesday. The Kapila-Crasto pair will be up against the duo of Abdul Rahman Syed and Mamalkya Lanka in the next round.

Jindal tops 2nd trial in women's 10m air rifle

NEW DELHI: Asian Games bronze medalist shooter Ramita Jindal won back-to-back national trials in women's 10m air rifle at the Karmi Singh range on Wednesday. The Haryana shooter, after taking the honours in Trial 1 on Tuesday, shot 252.0 in the finals on Wednesday to finish on top in the eight-shooter field. Tamil Nadu's R Narmada Nithin took the second spot, 0.9 points behind Ramita.

Hockey: India bt France 5-4 to record lone win

VALENCIA: Captain Harmanpreet Singh and Jugraj Singh struck a brace each as the Indian men's hockey team beat France 5-4 to notch up its lone win in the five-nation tournament on Wednesday. Jugraj scored in the 20th and 60th minutes while Harmanpreet found the target in the 25th and 56th minutes. Vivek Sagar Prasad (16th) struck once in the match that went back and forth throughout its duration.

KALYANI MANGALE @ Mumbai

THE day Meg Lanning announced her retirement from international cricket, a lot of things changed. Not just for the Australian women's cricket team, but for every team. With Lanning's goodbye, it felt like Australia's good of invincibility got thinner. Not to say the team lacked any superstars, after all, even in her absence, Australia had drawn the away Ashes and did fairly well in the home series against West Indies. The 'winning' hasn't stopped for the team, but that aura needs rebuilding, otherwise, there are many sides who possess the talent and opportunity to take over this all-conquering armada soon.

One of them is India. Not just because of the ICC schedule that has two upcoming events in the conditions most suitable for them, but also the talent and depth they have. And this seven-match competition, starting with the Test, is a litmus test to see if India can pull it off. To be clear, this is not the multi-format series as the Women's Ashes that was played earlier this year or the one these two sides played in 2021. The white-ball series that will follow this four-day fixture is also not part of the Women's ODI Championship. For that, India will travel to Australia in December 2024. However, this series, given what's to come in the subcontinent in the next few years and the changes around these two teams, feels important.

If Australia are going through a leadership change with less than a year to go for the T20 World Cup in Bangladesh, India are getting to know the ways of their head coach Amol Muzumdar. These two sides are going through a transition phase of their own and with this series, it's the question of how they will make the most of these opportunities going forward. For Healy, India have been a happy hunting ground, with her first century as an opener, which started her resurgence as an ODI batter, came in India in 2018. The start of her unofficial tenure as a captain of the side was with a 4-1 win against India

New chapter for India-Oz rivalry



India captain Harmanpreet Kaur (centre) during training on Wednesday | PH

in December 2022. Even in the Women's Premier League, she found her footing as a leader while captaining UP Warriorz to eliminator early this year. And for her to start her journey as an official captain of the country in India, fits the bill. "We genuinely love coming to play cricket in India, whether it's for Australia or whether it's for a WPL franchise. It probably makes it even more special to come back here and take over the reins that way. But more importantly, I think the opportunity to play a test match and to walk out there and put our skills to the test in the longest format, it's going to be a really enjoyable experience for us," Healy said.

If Healy has found playing cricket in the Indian conditions rewarding, Harmanpreet Kaur has done the same against Australia in every condition. In the recent past alone, the Indian captain has fought exceptionally well and looked a class apart while facing the World Champions, while many of her teammates have struggled to do the same. On many occasions, it has felt that Kaur's wicket was the only thing standing between a win and a loss for Australia.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Battle among equals on cards?

KALYANI MANGALE @ Mumbai

"I THINK these Australia-India series are hotly contested, doesn't matter what (the) format is. It is always really competitive and they are two of the best sides in the world going head to head," Alyssa Healy, Australia's newly appointed all-format captain said during her pre-match press conference ahead of the seven-match multi-format series against India.

And she was right. The 2017 ODI World Cup semi-final, where India defeated Australia to make their first WC final since 2005, had changed things. Whether it was the three editions of T20 World Cups (2018, 2020, and 2023), breaking what looked like a never-ending winning streak of 26 ODIs of the same team, or even the first-ever Gold medal final in the Commonwealth Games, if there is one team that has constantly challenged and brought the best out of the World Champions, it's India. With the Test match in India, another chapter of this rivalry is getting afoot in Mumbai.

Given the two teams have played and won a Test each this year, India against England in the last week and Australia against the same opposition earlier this year, the contest is on even grounds. Both captains, Harmanpreet Kaur and Alyssa Healy, have made their red-ball captaincy debuts this year. Thus, on many levels, it feels like a contest between the sides on equal footing, especially because of the rarity of the format.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

WFI polls today; wrestlers to address media

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

ON the eve of the much-awaited elections to the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), around 40 out of 50 eligible voters attended a meeting in a posh hotel in New Delhi on Wednesday. The numbers seem more than enough for the sidelined WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh's faction to sweep the polls but the saga is unlikely to end with the elections. Top wrestlers, who launched a protest against Brij Bhushan in January, have called a press conference after the elections adding yet another twist to the chain of events that continued to rock the sport in the country throughout the year.

Even as supporters of Brij Bhushan held a meeting in the

evening, former Commonwealth Games gold medalist Anita Sheoran, who is contesting for the top post and has the backing of the protesting wrestlers, affirmed her panel is ready to contest for various posts they have filled the nominations for. "We are in the middle of the meeting. We will contest," Anita replied when queried about the way forward.

As per the circular issued by the assistant returning officer Tapas Kumar Bhattacharya, the polling will be held on the 21st December, 2023, in the Basement Hall of the IOA Building at B-29, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm and the counting of votes will be taken up from 1:40 pm onwards. Sanjay Kumar

Singh is the presidential candidate from Brij Bhushan's faction. Darshan Lal is contesting for the secretary's post while Satya Pal Singh Deshwal has filed his nomination for treasurer from the faction. Prem Chand Lochab is the secretary's candidate while Dushyant Sharma is in the fray for the treasurer's post from Anita's group. While a simple majority will be enough for those seeking a first term, those seeking a second term have to secure not less than two-third of the votes. ID Nanavati and Deshwal are prominent among those seeking re-election with Nanavati contesting for senior vice-president's post from Brij Bhushan's group against Devender Kadyan. "Around 40

members have reached the national capital and standing firmly behind Brij Bhushan. There are also chances of a few jumping the fence and joining the group. We will win comfortably for all the posts," a member from the Uttar Pradesh strongman's group told this daily.

Among those contesting the elections is Mohan Yadav, who has recently been sworn in as the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh. Yadav, president of the Madhya Pradesh Amateur Wrestling Association, filed his nomination for the post of vice-president from Brij Bhushan's group. He is scheduled to be in New Delhi on Thursday to meet Home Minister Amit Shah but whether he will cast his vote is not clear yet.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Points to ponder

AS INDIA TAKE ON AUSTRALIA IN A ONE-OFF TEST, A LOOK...

SPIN TO WIN?

With Alana King, Jess Jonassen, Ashleigh Gardner, & Georgia Wareham, Australia has four spinners to choose. There is a chance that they might play all four, given that Jonassen, Gardner, & Wareham can also fit in as all-rounders.

INDIA VS AUSTRALIA, WANKHEDE, LIVE ON JIOCINEMA AND SPORTS 18, 9.30 AM



Kenyan president, William Ruto, announces visa-free entry to travellers from around the globe from January 2024.



The Iranian government recently broadened its policy to grant visa-free access to nationals from 45 countries, including India.



A game of roulette at Deltin Royale



Facade of Deltin Zuri



Gaming Lounge at Deltin Royale



ALWIN BENJAMIN SOJI

WHenever one thinks of a vacation, even after countless years, Goa is one of the first locations that pops up in one's head. There is something about the place that just makes people return over and over again. Safe to say, this Goa trip went ahead as planned, unlike some that don't go past the planning stage. Our purpose this time was to get a first-hand experience of three diverse properties spread across the whole of Goa.

Following an early morning flight, we landed in Goa at around 9 am. The sun was shining bright and there was a cool breeze, the kind of weather you expect to be greeted with when in Goa. We quickly sat on our ride to the first destination and made our way to *Deltin Suites*. Our ride to the hotel was very scenic, with greenery all around and multiple water bodies. We made it to *Deltin Suites* and following a smooth check-in process, found our way to the room. The hotel was located five minutes from Candolim beach and was styled in hues of yellow and brown. The first thing you notice after crossing the reception is the cozy courtyard, which also boasts a swimming pool.

Once settled in our room, we rested for a while and then prepared to head to *Caldin*, one of the hotel's restaurants, that specialises in Goan cuisine. Situated just beside the

GOA'S THE PERFECT HOLIDAY DESTINATION!

A whirlwind tour of a resort, two casinos and a whole bunch of great food and beaches confirms why it is on top if the vacation pecking order

pool, the restaurant makes a perfect spot for sunny lunch. We began our meal with a couple of mocktails — *Anchem Goem* and *Deltin's ojito*. The former had *kokum* syrup, muddled mint leaves and lime wedges, fizzy lime and soda, while the latter had fresh lime and mint, *demerara* sugar and lemonade. Both were equally refreshing and our holiday was off to the perfect start.

We then ordered the Goan Beef Chilly, which was loaded with bell peppers, tomatoes, onions and Goan spices. We loved every bit of the dish. For the main course, we decided to try steamed rice with *caldin*, which was kingfish cooked in a non-spicy yellowish Goan curry made using local masala. By this time, we were pretty much full and decided to get back to our room before the spa session. After an hour or so,

we headed for our massage, which was very rejuvenating. We felt a lot lighter and were geared up for the rest of the day.

We decided to laze around for the rest of the evening until around 8.30 pm, when we decided it was time for us to visit *Deltin Royale*. This is Asia's largest luxury gaming and entertainment destination. With live entertainment and multiple restaurants inside it, this cruise should be a must visit during your next Goa trip. The cruise comes alive at night. Spread across five floors, the casino was jam-packed. We headed to *Whiskys*, their restaurant for a quick drink and dinner. To begin with, we ordered a Gin & Tonic along with Malibu with Sprite. As the drinks arrived on the table, we ordered some finger food. These included garlic prawns, fish *tikka*,

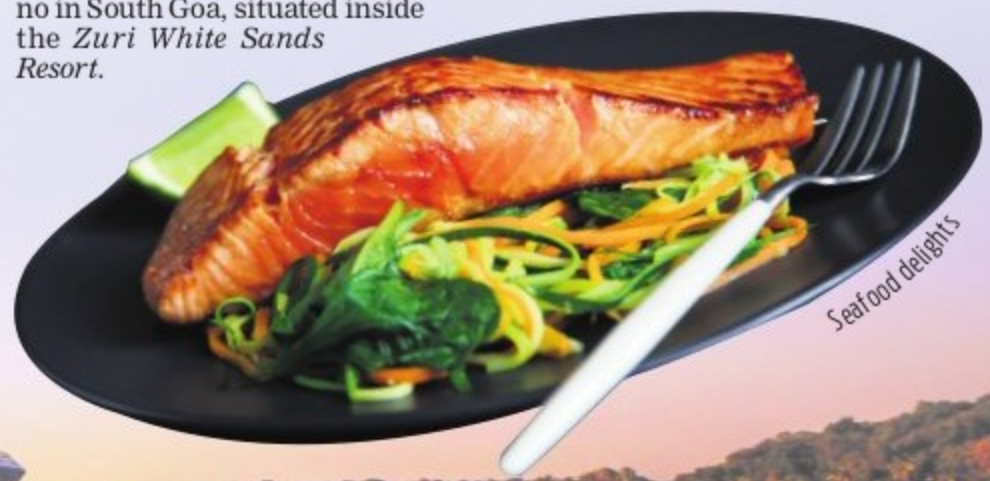


Sky Deck at Deltin Royale

ka, chicken lollipop and *paneer tikka*. The experience of dining in a luxury gaming cruise is one worth experiencing. You come across lots of tensed faces, a lot of happy faces and a lot of adrenaline all around you, in general.

We then made our way back to *Deltin Suites* and called it a day. We woke up by 8.30 am and headed down to Vegas, their multi-cuisine restaurant. The first thing we ordered were a couple of cappuccinos. As they came to our table, we headed to check out the breakfast buffet. With an array of options available, we chose to go for *poori* and *chole*. We also ordered a Cinnamon French Toast and a glass of pineapple juice. The perfect breakfast in so many delicious ways.

Our next order of business was to visit *Deltin Zuri*, a world class casino in South Goa, situated inside the *Zuri White Sands Resort*.



Seafood delights

Deltin Royale

New train to Nandi Hills from B'luru

IF YOU ARE visiting Bengaluru, you can now embark on a convenient journey to the picturesque Nandi Hills, a beloved weekend retreat situated approximately 60 km from the city, courtesy of a new electric train service that commenced on December 11. Nandi Hills, also known as Nandidurg, stands as a historic hill fortress offering panoramic views. The *Tipu Sultan Fort* was a summer refuge for the 18th-century ruler, which features stone carvings and wall paintings. The *South Western Railway* announced an extension of the *Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU)* trains on the Devanahalli to Chikkaballapur route, providing enhanced connectivity. The MEMU trains servicing this route include 06593/06594 Yeshwanthpur-Chikkaballapur-Yeswanthpur, 06531/06532 Bengaluru Cantonment-Chikkaballapur-Cantonment and 06535/06538 Chikkaballapur-Bengaluru Cantonment-Chikkaballapur. Notable halts include the Bhogananadishwara Temple at the base of Nandi Hills, approximately 1.4 km from Nandi Station. Travellers will need to cover an additional 15-18 km to reach the summit.



The independent music festival boasts performances, workshops, open mic, paragliding and camping, all set against the idyllic backdrop of snow-clad Himalayas

SRUSHTI KULKARNI

THE idyllic mountains of Bir, Himachal Pradesh, are set to reverberate with the harmonious notes of *Musicathon*, an immersive music festival in its 11th edition, slated for December 23 and 24. Originating in 2019 with a modest gathering at *Musafir Cafe* in Bir, *Musicathon*, conceived by Gaurav Kushwaha, has evolved into a noteworthy annual event. Gaurav's passion and innovative approach have seen *Musicathon* grow into a significant platform, hosting over 3,000 attendees and showcasing the talents of more than 100 indepen-

dent artistes from across the country. The festival celebrated for its unique blend of music, travel and camping, has expanded its footprint with mini editions in Mumbai, Delhi and Bengaluru that took place earlier this year in May and June. *Musicathon* continues to provide a dedicated stage for emerging independent artistes, drawing music enthusiasts and travellers of diverse nationalities.

Headlining this edition is Bharat Chauhan, the Delhi-based singer-songwriter renowned for his melancholic psychedelic music. The lineup promises an exhilarating mix, featuring Samar Mehdi, the percussive finger-style maestro, indie rockers 'The Khalnayak', pop sensation Shubham Kabra, classical singer trio Soumendra, Sumit and Mahavir, multilingual band Vahaka, the energetic Jatin Shar-



ma (Buland Himalay) and the soul-stirring Yuvraj Chugh. "We are thrilled to share the news that *Musicathon* is back with its 11th edition. This festival has been a purpose-driven fiesta since the beginning that has achieved its success with the continuous hard work and efforts of the local community, *Musicathon* team and independent artistes. For this edition, we have curated an eclectic mix of

varied genre artistes for the two days and we hope to continue delivering to the higher expectations set by us," commented Gaurav Kushwaha, creator, *Musicathon*.

Bir, a city in Himachal Pradesh, proudly hosts this soulful festival, offering a safe haven for emerging artistes to showcase their talents. Music aficionados can experience the enchanting vibes of *Musicathon* live on streaming app *Roposo*, as the event will be broadcasted live on their app. With each edition, *Musicathon* continues to weave the magic of music, bringing together a community of enthusiasts and explorers from all corners of the country.

Beyond the beats, attendees can explore Bir in many different ways, although the most popular is the aerial view since the village is recognised as the paragliding capital of India. Besides the adventure sport, one can also explore farms and open valleys, catch beautiful sunsets, go on nature walks and treks, visit renowned monasteries and experience local Tibetan culture, all while making quick-pit stops at cafes offering multi-cuisine delicacies. Attendees of the festival must note that these activities are not included in the music pass but the volunteers will help you with bookings on the spot.

Festival-goers can avail themselves of a convenient to-and-fro bus service from Delhi or opt for flights to Dharamshala, Chandigarh or Delhi, with Pathankot and Una being the nearest railway heads. Tickets for the independent music festival are available, starting at ₹3,600 for the music pass and ₹5,600 for passes inclusive of accommodation.



Kozhikode - Kochi - Dubai cruise ship receives go-ahead

Travellers from Kerala to Dubai can now embark on a cruise adventure, as the government has approved the proposal for the *Beyport* (Kozhikode) - Kochi - Dubai cruise ship service. This initiative, catering to the needs of expatriate passengers, aims to alleviate the financial burden faced during peak seasons. The forthcoming cruise promises a cost-effective alternative, offering one-third of the airfare, expanded luggage allowances and captivating sea views. Priced at approximately ₹10,000 - ₹15,000 for a one-way ticket, this stands in stark contrast to the ₹55,000 airfare for a Kochi to Dubai flight. In collaboration with cargo companies, the vessel will accommodate up to 1,250 people, enhancing travel options for the region.



China's Adora Magic City cruise to set sail in 2024

After an extensive eight-year research phase and five years dedicated to design and construction, China's inaugural domestically crafted large cruise ship, *The Adora Magic City*, is poised for its maiden commercial journey on January 1, 2024. The inaugural route will traverse Northeast Asia, with a subsequent route connecting China to Southeast Asia in the pipeline. A diverse crew of around 1,300 members, hailing from 30 nations and regions, have assumed their roles on board. Spanning 323.6 meters in length, the *Adora Magic City* boasts 2,125 guest rooms and can accommodate over 5,000 passengers across 16 floors, which also includes 40,000 square meters of communal living and leisure space. Bookings open.

Courtyard by Marriott just opened a new resort in Gorakhpur, UP

The hotel features 89 spacious rooms, eight expansive suites and three culinary spots among other amenities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, a distinguished member of Marriott Bonvoy's array of 31 exceptional brands, unveiled its newest property — *Courtyard by Marriott Gorakhpur* recently. Nestled in the heart of Gorakhpur's city centre and conveniently located just a brief 30-minute drive from *Mahayogi Gorakhnath Airport*, the prop-

erty offers captivating views of *Ramgarh Tal Lake* as a tranquil backdrop. Iconic destinations include the revered *Gorakhnath Temple*, the profound teachings of the *Geeta Press* and the UNESCO world heritage site of *Lumbini* — the birthplace of Lord Buddha. The hotel features 97 well-equipped rooms, including eight expansive 60-square-metre suites.

Dining at the hotel is a delightful experience, with the signature all-day dining restaurant, *Spice Kitchen*, offering a vibrant and spacious setting serving a buffet that combines continental and local favour-



ites. Guests can also indulge in an exquisite a-la-carte menu and savour the *Asian Bowl*, featuring a de-

lightful mix of Chinese, Japanese and Thai cuisines while *Coffee & Crust* (coffee shop) provides an ideal

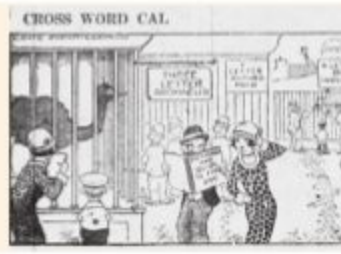
setting for business meetings or leisurely reading, accompanied by freshly brewed coffee and an assortment of fresh sandwiches and delicious baked goodies.

For health-conscious travellers, the hotel offers a well-equipped fitness centre and an inviting outdoor swimming pool to maintain fitness routines while away from home. *Courtyard by Marriott Gorakhpur* boasts four versatile event venues, including *Eternity*, *Lake Side Lawn*, *Elite Lawn* and *Signet*, along with a dedicated wedding studio featuring a 7,300 sq ft pillar-less ballroom suitable for all kinds of events.



DAY'S DIARY
First crossword
The first crossword puzzle was published on this day in 1913, for the *New York World*. It was devised by Liverpoolian Arthur Wynne

CREATION
Originally called 'word-cross', it was diamond-shaped. As a section editor Wynne had excess space and needed something to fill it, hence, the first crossword puzzle was created



PUZZLE AND BEYOND
During the 1920s, the crossword boomed: from crossword-patterned stockings to themed musicals and comic strips like *Cross Word Cal*



NAME CHANGE
Popular with readers, at some point its name changed to 'Cross-Word'—the result, according to crossword lore, of a typographical error

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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Pratiksha Kataria styling tables

From the traditional red, green and gold to snowy silver and vintage plaid, interior designers and table stylists share what's trending this festive Christmas season

MERRY MAKEOVER

POOJA DAS

WITH Christmas around the corner and a slight chill in the air, we finally get to sit down and greet another year's ending with friends and families by our side. It is not just the time to reflect on the year that was but also bring out the festive spirits. And what better way to do that than to plan family gatherings and decorate Christmas trees and tables? "We get a lot of requests for Christmas home decor and to decorate Christmas trees and tables," says Anjana Thomas, founder of The Whole Nine Yards, an event planning company in the city.

Traditional colours are still in as much demand when it comes to decor this Christmas season, says Thomas, adding, "The classic red and green with a touch of gold never goes out of style. This season, we are doing a lot of plaid in the traditional colours giving it a bit of a vintage vibe." But even as the traditional palette remains a favourite, other colours are also in demand. There are requests for Christmas trees to be in new colours like pink and silver. Pratiksha Katar-



Apart from traditional hues, colours like pink and silver are also in vogue

ia, creative director of Tables-capes by P, says that while the signature colours are red, green

and gold, the combos of pink and silver, blue and silver or white and silver are preferred. "It's because it gives the effect of snow," she says. Adding to this, Ipsa Gupta, an event designer and curator, says, "Colour schemes are very interesting this year, from pinks to lots of neutrals—whites, browns—and even teal and blue decor is trending. Our favourite look is the snow pearl white and rose gold look."

Gupta adds that sustainability has taken the limelight this year. "Paper origami trees, wooden ornaments, ceramic decor, or even fresh and dry flower decor are in demand." For table settings, stylist Namoi Junaid says people are also being more sustainable with fresh vegetables and fruits on their tables. "There is a lot of seasonal decor happening on tables. People are using green foliage which is also eco-friendly along with cheese boards, fruits like strawberries and grapes and a lot of fresh chopped vegetables which lends to a more colourful and pretty Christmas table." She further adds, "Raw mangoes are also being served which goes really well with the Christmas theme."

Junaid has been receiving considerably more enquiries than she used to a couple of years ago with the focus now moving towards the table. "Now, there is a greater interest in making your table look pretty rather than just putting flowers here and there. The sparkle lights that we are used to seeing on trees can be seen on the table," she says.

Tips and tricks

Choose your colours based on existing decor. Use coloured napkins to add a pop to the table

Add glassware like water goblets and wine glasses

Use elevations on table heads if no one is seated there. Elevations should not block eye contact at a sit-down setup

XPRESS FOCUS

SMD INITIATIVE

Radisson Blu Showcases Towering 7.5-Foot Margarine Santa and Gingerbread House



PIC BY VINOD KUMAR T

In the world of pastries, Chef Balaji Durairaj has created yet another artistic adventure, turning Radisson Blu on Palace Road into a festive wonderland this Christmas & New Year. The renowned pastry chef, with 13 years of culinary expertise, has put on display his latest masterpieces—a towering 7.5-foot Santa Claus and an intricately layered Gingerbread House—in a prominently visible section of the hotel's lobby.

The captivating sight of the festive duo, adorned in a charming cream hue reminiscent of margarine, immediately captures the spirit of the season. Chef Balaji's culinary prowess and creativity shine through as he explains the meticulous process behind these delightful creations, showcasing his skill in a continuous quest for new and uncharted territories of expression.

These visually stunning confections, carefully crafted with a mix of flour, ginger powder, honey, brown sugar, and baking powder, will grace the hotel until January 2, 2024. Chef Balaji, no stranger to imaginative

displays, had previously wowed audiences with last year's 'Butter Ganapati,' a talk-of-the-town attraction conceived for the Ganesh Chaturthi festival. "This innovative creation came to life when the Food & Beverage Director, Kasi Viswanathan, and General Manager, Girish Ganeshan, approached me with the idea of crafting a memorable attraction for the Ganesh Chaturthi festival," Chef Balaji informs.



A meticulous process of constant monitoring is necessary, and regular touch-ups are essential for these artworks.

— Chef Balaji Durairaj, Pastry Chef, Radisson Blu

Speaking about the choice of margarine for these festive creations, Chef Balaji notes its extended shelf life due to a higher content of additives.

"Since the creation needs to be preserved until New Year's Day, margarine was the best choice," he explains. The Gingerbread House, a blend of brown and white colors, is a testament to his culinary artistry and received excellent support from the engineering department, especially from Maria Susai, carpenter & welder.

While the creations attract lingering glances from hotel guests and visitors alike, Chef Balaji emphasises the patience and unwavering concentration required in their fabrication.

"A meticulous process of constant monitoring is necessary, and regular touch-ups are essential for these artworks," he mentions, highlighting the challenges posed by ambient air laden with particulates and scents, underscoring the need for consistent vigilance.

OPENS TOMORROW

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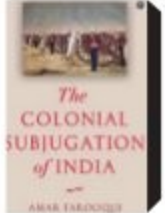
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Becoming Goan

Michelle Mendonça Bambawale

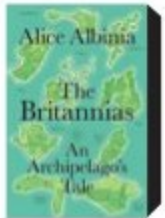
In June 2020, Michelle found herself moving to the 160-year-old house she had inherited in Siolim in North Goa with her human and canine family. *Becoming Goan* is a heartfelt and charming story of Michelle's love for this land that her grandparents left her.



The Colonial Subjugation of India

By Amar Farooqi

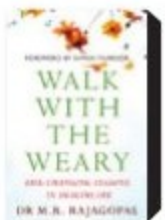
Beginning with the arrival of Portuguese, Dutch, French, and, finally, British mercantile ships in the Indian Ocean throughout the 16th and 17th Centuries, this book charts the course of Britain's rise as the dominant colonial power in the Indian subcontinent. The empire was anything but benign.



The Britannias

By Alice Albinia

Sailing across borders, between languages and genres, through the past to understand the present, this book knocks the centre out to foreground neglected epics and subversive voices.



Walk with the Weary: Life-changing Lessons in Healthcare

By Dr MR Rajagopal

The book begins with the young doctor's first encounters with death and his entry into the field of medicine before taking us through his journey into palliative care.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Stage Odyssey

Experience the captivating journey of a group of performers tracing their ancestry and celebrating the legacy of pioneering women artists with this play, *Project Darling*.
WHEN: Dec 24, 7:30pm
WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Art Therapy

Indulge in a stress-free and relaxing mini canvas workshop offering hands-on guidance for painting mini masterpieces.
WHEN: Dec 22, 5pm
WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Humour Unplugged

Join standup comic Kanan Gill as he experiments with fresh material, offering an intimate glimpse into the creative process of comedy. For those who appreciate the raw side of comedy, this is an event you won't want to miss.
WHEN: Dec 21, 9pm
WHERE: The Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



DJ Night

Get ready for an evening of music, energy and sensory delight with a live performance by DJ Argy.
WHEN: Dec 22, 4-10pm
WHERE: Byg Brewski Brewing Company, Hennur
DETAILS: insider.in



Musical Sojourn

Prepare for a musical night as singer Anuv Jain, known for his single *Baarishein*, will be performing as part of his Guldasta Tour, presenting a bouquet of his soulful tunes.
WHEN: Dec 23, 6pm
WHERE: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield
DETAILS: insider.in



Holiday Fair

Discover a winter wonderland at the Christmas Bazaar, where you can find gifts and festive surprises that will elevate your holiday celebrations.
WHEN: Dec 23, 2 pm onwards
WHERE: Church Street SOCIAL, Ashok Nagar
DETAILS: insider.in



Holy Fest

On the occasion of Vaikuntha Ekadashi, celebrate with festivities like Suprabhata seva, darshans, kirtans, and sacred Vedic mantra chants at Hare Krishna Hill and Vaikuntha Hill.
WHEN: Dec 23, 8am
WHERE: ISKCON, Rajajinagar
DETAILS: iskconbangalore.org

Comedy Carnival

Don't miss Anubhav Singh Bassi's live performance as he returns with a fresh dose of humour in his upcoming show *Kisi Ko Batana Mat*. Prepare for a night of side-splitting laughter and entertainment.
WHEN: Dec 23, 7pm
WHERE: Good Shepherd Auditorium, Richmond Town
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



CREATIVE CANVAS

Visitors explore art showcased at Expression - an exhibition by Rajeev Verma at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath on Wednesday | VINOD KUMAR T

QUICK FIX

SPINACH MUSHROOM OMELETTE



Contributed by Rakha Bhardwaj, Lucknow

INGREDIENTS

- Spinach: 7-8 leaves
- Mushrooms: 5-6 pieces
- Salt and pepper as per taste
- Eggs: 3
- Cheese: 1 slice
- Oil

METHOD

- Blanch the spinach and keep it aside. Then, wash the mushrooms and slice them evenly.
- Heat some oil in a pan. Add the mushrooms and cook it for a while. Next, add the spinach.
- Meanwhile, break eggs in a bowl. Add salt, pepper and some green chilli (optional). Whisk it.
- Ensure the mushrooms and spinach are spread across the pan when you pour the egg mix.
- Place the cheese slice on it. You can even cut out small pieces and place them all across.
- Cover the lid and let the omelette cook.
- Serve it hot with your favourite condiment.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

HINDOLASANA ARDHA UTTANASANA (CRADLE POSE ARDHA UTTANASANA)

In Sanskrit, 'hindola' means swinging cradle or hammock, 'ardha' means half, 'uttana' means intense stretch and 'asana' means pose. A seated hip opener, it stretches calf muscles and hamstrings. It is a warm-up for hip opening postures and leg stretches.

STEPS

- Sit with legs extended in Dandasana (Staff Pose), pressing your hands on the floor to lengthen the spine.
- Bend your right leg on the knee. Grab it with the left hand and bring it closer to the chest.
- Straighten the leg in front of you toes facing the sky.
- Sit tall, lengthen the spine. Ensure the left leg remains straight, toes pointing to the ceiling.
- Keep your upper body half forward and bend from your hip. Ensure that your head, neck, spine and hip are in one line.
- Rock the leg from side to side.
- Avoid swinging the whole upper body. Stretch the left side.
- Breathe normally. Feel the stretch at the hamstrings, hip joints, and knee.
- Maintain the posture with cradling movement for around 8-10 rounds.
- Release the hands and legs, return to Staff Pose Hands Back Knees Bent.
- Come to Dandasana before you switch sides (bend the right leg) and perform the same sequence with the right leg.

BENEFITS

- Opens up the pelvic region and tones the gluteus.
- Stretches the thighs, hamstrings, and calves.
- Engages the hamstrings.
- Regular practise massages abdominal muscles.
- Improves digestion.
- Stimulates the reproductive and digestive systems.
- Aids in stimulating the colon, liver, kidneys and endocrine glands.
- Calms the mind.
- Soothes the nervous system.
- Aids in developing mental focus.
- Improves sexual functions.
- Improves one's balancing capabilities.
- Beneficial to perimenopausal, menopausal and postnatal women (after initial 4 weeks of healing).

LIMITATIONS

People who have injury to the hips, knees, lower back, or spine, should avoid this.

Those with arthritis of the hips, knees, and spine should practise this seated on a cushion or a chair and with guidance from a yoga expert.



By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

REGIONAL



MISS SHETTY MR POLISHETTY (Telugu)

A chef starts working with a comedian struggles to deal with his attitude — only to unexpectedly find love.
Cast: Anushka Shetty, Naveen Polishetty, Jayasudha
Watch on: Netflix

VAD-HUVU (Telugu)

A bride's life is in peril when she marries into a mysterious household but she is determined to uncover secrets.
Cast: Avika Gor, Ali Reza, Nandu, Mounika
Watch on: Disney+ hotstar

SESHAM MIKE-IL FATHIMA (Malayalam)

A woman from Kerala goes up against hurdles to achieve her dream of becoming a football commentator.
Cast: Kalyani Priyadarshan, Femina George, Parvathi T
Watch on: Netflix



THE ARCHIES (Hindi)

Set in 1960s India in the fictitious town of Riverdale, The Archies presents a nostalgic coming-of-age musical.
Cast: Agastya Nanda, Khushi Kapoor, Suhana Khan, Mihir Ahuja
Watch on: Netflix



TOBY (Kannada)

A man with autism is exploited by a cruel world to foster crime and hatred. However, he resolves to transform when he falls in love with a woman.
Cast: Raj B Shetty, Chaitra J Achar, Samyukta Hordad, Deepak Shetty
Watch on: SonyLIV

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

ZARA HATKE ZARA BACHKE (Hindi)

Kapil and Somya are a happily married couple. To avail of a house under a government scheme, they decide to get a divorce but things don't go as planned.
Cast: Vicky Kaushal, Sara Ali Khan
Watch on: JioCinema



FALIMY (Malayalam)

To fulfill their patriarch's wish, a dissonant family embarks on a trip to Varanasi. Will this journey mend their bonds?
Cast: Basil Joseph, Jagadish, Sandeep Pradeep, Meenaraj Palluruthy, Manju Pillai
Watch on: Disney+ hotstar

FOREIGN

MY DEMON (Korean, series)

A powerless demon gets tangled with an icy heiress, who may hold the key to his lost abilities and heart.
Cast: Song Kang, Kim Yoo-jung, Lee Sang-yi
Watch on: Netflix



CRASHING EID (Arabic, series)

When Razan's British-Pakistani fiancée crashes her Saudi family's Eid, she tries convincing them that he is a suitable match.
Cast: Summer Shesha, Hamza Haq, Bateel Qamlo
Watch on: Netflix



ONE PIECE FILM: RED (Japanese)

An anime musical about Uta, a singer, who reveals herself to the world at a live concert. Her voice is described as 'otherworldly'.
Cast: Ado, Kenjiro Tsuda, Mayumi Tanaka
Watch on: Netflix



CHICKEN RUN: DAWN OF THE NUGGET (English)

An animated film about fearless chickens that flock together to save poultry from a threat: a farm cooking up something suspicious.
Cast: Zachary Levi, Thandiwe Newton, Bella Ramsey
Watch on: Netflix

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Zee5	₹699/year
Viki Rakuten	₹299/month
Aha	₹699/year
SonyLIV	₹299/month

DR PRATHIMA REDDY

POLYCYSTIC Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) can pose a significant challenge to teenagers, especially because they have to manage the demands of school and teenage turmoil alongside this medical condition. The physical and emotional aspects of PCOS add complexity to an already busy schedule. Recognising the delicate balance requires crucial support from parents, teachers, and friends during this transformative period. To maintain academic performance while managing health, teenagers are advised to follow these guidelines:

TIME MANAGEMENT

Establish a routine: Develop a daily schedule that incorporates both academic and self-care activities to regulate hormonal fluctuations through consistency.

Prioritise tasks: Identify and complete essential tasks first to avoid feeling overwhelmed and ensure the completion of academic responsibilities.

Break it down: Divide large projects into smaller tasks to make the workload more manageable and prevent stress-induced flare-ups of PCOS symptoms.

TEEN TROUBLES

Engaging in regular exercise can significantly help manage Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS)

STRESS REDUCTION

Relaxation techniques: Incorporate stress reduction techniques like deep breathing, meditation, and yoga into the daily routine for overall well-being.

Stay active: Engage in regular exercise, enjoying activities such as sports, dancing, or walking, for at least 30 minutes most days of the week to manage PCOS symptoms and reduce stress.

Adequate sleep: Prioritise sufficient sleep to ensure a well-rested mind and body capable of handling academic challenges and hormonal imbalances.

NUTRITION & BALANCED DIET

Maintain a balanced diet with a focus on whole foods, including fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and whole grains, to support overall health and manage insulin levels.

COMMUNICATION

Open Dialogue: Communicate openly with teachers, friends, and family about challenges, fostering a support system during stressful times and creating understanding in academic and personal circles.

Seek Professional Guidance: Consult healthcare professionals or counsellors when needed for tailored advice and support



in navigating both school and PCOS challenges.

SELF-CARE

Prioritise self-care and set realistic, measurable goals. Advocate for academic and PCOS-related needs, seeking accommodations when necessary.

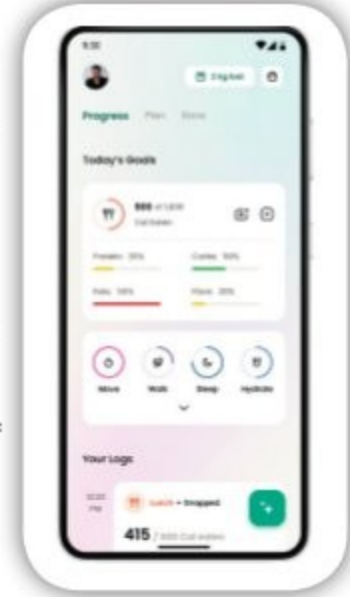
Task-wise, being a teen, juggling school and PCOS is tough. But, using the right approach, it can be handled.

(The writer is director & lead consultant of the department of obstetrics and gynaecology, SPARSH Hospital)

NUGGETS

Health & fitness app introduces AI solutions to wellness

Healthify, an AI health and fitness app, announced the launch of its integrated health AI platform that redefines personal wellness. Created to recognise, analyse, and respond to dietary, fitness, stress, and sleep patterns, Healthify's AI solutions tailor health plans to each user's specific needs. Healthify's AI solutions include its conversational AI coach Ria, its Coach CoPilot which collaborates with the company's 1,000+ coaches to enhance efficiency and the next generation of Snap - a photo-based nutrition tracker. The blend of advanced AI with everyday practicality marks a shift in weight & wellness management.

**New member on board of directors**

Aasra Hospitals, a robotic precision care hospital, announced that Ramani Iyer, the former co-founder of Just Dial, has joined its board of directors. With his appointment, Iyer is set to acquire a considerable minority stake in the hospital, demonstrating commitment to enhancing healthcare innovation in India.

BACK TO NATURE



SUPARNA TRIKHIA
The columnist is a beauty and nature care expert
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come across the most stunning women, perfectly done makeup, not a hair out of place, conscientious about their bag and cloth coordination but many a time once you look at their feet, they look like a national disaster!

Our feet take the burden of our daily lives. Just as we need to keep our face and hair nourished, we also need to keep our feet moisturised. A pedicure twice a month is a must, especially if you are wearing open



Are Your Feet Cracking Up?

sandals. Dead skin build up and dryness leads to cracked heels. Make this foot soak to soften skin on the heels.

Ingredients:

Warm soapy water : 1 tub

Seed oil: 100ml

A handful of marbles

Full fat milk: 500ml

A handful of rose petals

A handful of fresh margosa/ neem leaves

Geranium oil: 5 drops

Sandalwood oil: 5 drops

Wheat germ oil: 2tsp

Soak your feet in this water

for 20 minutes and pat dry. Use a pumice stone to dislodge dead skin on the heels.

Make the following scrub and scrub your feet daily. Many years ago I treated a client with a simple formula of natural goodness.

Oil your feet at night with a mixture of the following-

Castor oil: 2tsp

Olive oil: 2tsp

Almond oil: 2tsp

Wash your feet with the oatmeal and salt scrub and use a pumice stone gently on the feet.

SEA SALT & OATMEAL SCRUB

Oatmeal: 1cup

Almond oil: 100ml

Sea salt: 100gms

Honey: 100gms

Rice powder: 100gms

Juniper oil: 10drops

Peppermint oil: 10drops

■ Mix all the ingredients well and store in an airtight jar.

■ Use a loofah to scrub.

Massage these oils into the feet (this should be done at night).

Now, smear Vaseline into the cracks of your feet, see that it is absorbed into them very well.

Melt a candle in a saucepan on a gentle flame. Use a flat

brush and carefully apply to the skin. Let this cool and dry. Wear cotton socks and cover. Leave overnight. Peel off next morning.

A 5-minute routine you can do is to dip lemon halves in sugar and scrub on the heels until all the granules have melted into the skin. Let it dry and wash off and pat dry.

Most people do not realise that a home pedicure will also work miracles for cracked heels and if you suffer from this, gear yourself with the following:

Two large towels

Nail brush and nail file

Pumice stone

Loofah and buffer

Sponge

Essential oil of ylang ylang: 5 drops

Warm soapy water

Full fat warm milk: 500ml

Olive oil: 20ml

Nourishing cream

File nails and soak in warm tub of water and milk and add essential oils and olive oil. Brush nails and clean them well using a pumice stone, scrub heels until soft and smooth.

With a sponge, apply nourishing tub water to the legs upto the knees and on the top and soles of the feet.

Pat dry and massage with a nourishing cream and wipe dry. Buff the nails until smooth and shiny and your feet will be ready to dance!

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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, HASSAN GHANI ABDUL RASHEED MEHAR FATHIMA, aged 49 yrs, W/o. Hassan Ghani Abdul Rasheed, Resident of B-504, Gina Shalom, 5th Floor, Old Madras Road, Bhattarahalli, Virgonagar, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560049, have changed my name to **MEHAR FATHIMA**, vide affidavit dated: 19.12.2023 before notary K.V. MANI, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) M. MANJULA Spouse of NO. 16120344X HAV PARAMESHWAR HARIKANT, Residing at House Name Hosmane, Agnanashini (Vill), Agnanashini (Post), Kunta (Taluk), Uttara Kannada (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 581351, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) MANJULA.M**, Vide Affidavit Dated 05.12.2023 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KRITHIKA PRAVIN, D/o Pravin Kumar, residing at Flat No.104, GR Lavender Apartment Survey No.87/8, Uttarahalli Hobli, M S Ramiah City, J P Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560078, Karnataka, I have changed my name from Krithika P (alias Krithika Pravin Kumar) to **KRITHIKA PRAVIN**, vide affidavit dated 20.12.2023 sworn before Notary A.R Muneer Ahmed, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Shashank, S/o of Vijay Bahadur Singh, born on 15.05.1990 aged about 33 years and residing at 181/16/1, Shree Gowri, third floor, 3rd main Road, 3rd Cross, S. L. Byrappa Road, Hanumanth Nagar, Bangalore 560019, shall henceforth be known as **Shashank Pal**, vide affidavit dated 19/12/2023 sworn to before K.S. Chandrashekar advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Rosy Margaret David, W/o. Late Wilfred Charles, aged about 72 Years, Residing at No.197, Winny Villa, 2nd Main, 11th Cross, Padmeshwari Nagar, Nearby Garden City College, Kithaganur Village, Bidarahalli, Virgonagar Post, Bengaluru: 560049, Born on 03.02.1951 have changed my name from **Rosy Margrat David** to **ROSY MARGARET DAVID**, vide affidavit dated 16/12/2023 sworn to before S.R.Ravikumar advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAPNA DEEKSHITH W/o Sri Ashwin Deekshith, aged about 35 years, R/at No.45, New B.E.L. Road, Devasandra, R.M.V. 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560 094, have changed my name from **SAPNA & SAPNA RAJ** (Old Name) to **SAPNA DEEKSHITH** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 04-04-2016 sworn before Advocate & Notary K. Ramegowda, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BHAGYALAKSHMAMMA H S W/o. Vijayarangaraj Thodhiah Rangaswamy, residing at #A-104, 1st Floor, Rose Mansion, Belthur, Kadugodi, Whitefield Main Road, Bengaluru 560067, have changed my name **BHAGYALAKSHMI VIJAYARANGARAJ**, vide Affidavit Dated: 20/12/2023 sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

Rohit Kumar S S/o Shivarayya R/o No. 253, Krishna Nivas Mess, Ground Floor, 4th Cross, Near Byappanahalli, Bangalore-38, have changed my name to **Rohit Kumar Shivarayya** for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 18/12/23 before notary **A.R. Munir Ahmed**, Bengaluru.
Place : Bangalore
Date : 18.12.2023

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) M.B. JASHMI Spouse of NO.15311863M EX-HAV NACHAPPA M.B. Residing at Merianda House, Marandoda (Vill), Cheyyandane (Post), Madikeri (Tehsil), Kodagu (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 571212, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) JASHMI.M.N**, Vide Affidavit Dated 16.12.2023 Sworn Before Notary S.I.BALAGURU BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO. 15321333L HAV PARAMESHWAR HARIKANT, Residing at House Name Hosmane, Agnanashini (Vill), Agnanashini (Post), Kunta (Taluk), Uttara Kannada (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 581351, Have Changed My Daughter Name **(OLD NAME) VARSHA** to **(NEW NAME) VARSHA PARAMESHWAR, HARIKANT**, Vide Affidavit Dated 19.09.2023 Sworn Before Notary S.I.BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ASHWIN LAKHANPAL S/o, Dharampal Lakhnapal, aged about 59 years, R/o. No. 54, 4th Floor, Palace Garden, Palace Road Cross, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru-20, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Ashwin Lakhnapal** to **Aswani Kumar Lakhnapal**, vide affidavit dated 18.12.2023, sworn to before B. Chitra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, TEJASHREE, W/o. G.S. Kumar, residing at No. 4, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Near Mahaveer Residence, Vinayakanagar, JP Nagar 5th Phase, Bangalore South, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560078, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ANUSUYA** to **TEJASHREE**, vide affidavit dated 20.12.2023, sworn to before P.N. Nagesha, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMMED RAHAMATHULLA, S/o. Mohammed Akbar, Resident at No. 1727/1, 12th 'B' Cross, 12th Main Road, Sonappa Black, 3rd Stage, Pillanna Garden, Arabi College Post, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 045, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MOHAMMED RAHAMATHULLA** to **MOHAMMED RAHAMATHULLA** vide affidavit dated 19.12.2023 sworn to before B.M. Chandrashekar, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MOHAMMED NOUMAN Residing at No.412, Peace Paradise Apt Nagawara Main Road CMA Function Hall, Near Railway Gate, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MOHAMMED NOUMAN** to **(NEW NAME) MOHAMMED NOUMAN N** vide affidavit dated 20.12.2023 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) GAJA RAM Residing at No.8, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, Venkateshwara Niyalaya, Near Vidhyashree High School, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560091, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) GAJA RAM** to **(NEW NAME) GAJENDRA DEVASI** vide affidavit dated 20.12.2023 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MOHAMED KALEEMULLA Residing at No.235, Sanabli School Road, Sunrise Layout, Hommadavanahalli, Guttigere Post Office, Bengaluru-560083, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MOHAMED KALEEMULLA** to **(NEW NAME) MOHAMMED KALEEMULLA** vide affidavit dated 20.12.2023 sworn before Notary S.Nagaraja Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) V SHARATHA Spouse of NO.15322193W HAV M VISHWANATHAN, Residing at Vilathur (Vill), Vilathur (Post), Paramakudi (TK), Ramanathapuram (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 623707, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) V SARATHA** (Vide Affidavit Dated 19.12.2023 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JAGADEEP @ JAGADEEP AVULA, S/o. A Srinivas Rao, aged about 21 years, Residing at No.115/A, 5th Block, 2nd Stage, Near Nagarabhatti BDA Complex, Nagarabhatti, Bangalore - 560 072, hereby declare that I have relinquished my name JAGADEEP and henceforth I will be called by my correct name **JAGADEEP AVULA**, vide affidavit dated 19-12-2023 sworn before Notary: S.N. Madhu

CHANGE OF NAME

I, N K Janki, W/o No. 1067233K, Rank Havildar, Karumbaiah N S, residing at No.1199, Arkavathi Layout, 19th Block, Chelikeri Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore North, Kalyannagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560043 have changed my name from **N K JANKI** to **N K JANAKI** vide affidavit dated 19-12-2023 sworn before Notary Y.R. Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DINESH KUMAR JAIN, Resident of # No. 1, Linnden Street, Behind Urdu School, Austin Town, Bengaluru - 560 047, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DINESH KUMAR JAIN SAKLESHPUR** to **DINESH KUMAR JAIN** vide affidavit dated 19.12.2023 sworn to before M. Rajendra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, GAYATHRI S, D/o. Ravi Dhirendra Kulkarni R/a #11/19, Sri Rama Nilaya, 5th Main Road, Behind Basavanna Temple, Hoskotehalli, Bangalore-560085, I have changed my name from **RAVI DHIRENDRA KULKARNI** but in my 10th marks card issued by the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board my father name is mentioned as **SHIVASHANKAR** instead of **RAVI DHIRENDRA KULKARNI** vide affidavit dated 14.12.2023 Sworn before Notary A. Manjula, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, K. AMMAYYAMMA alias **LAKSHMIDEVI S**, aged about 64 years, W/o Sri Srinannavar, R/at No. 899/4, 6th Cross, Kamala Nehru Layout, Bengaluru North, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru-560022, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **K. AMMAYYAMMA** and **LAKSHMIDEVI S** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **K. AMMAYYAMMA** alias **LAKSHMIDEVI S** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 13-09-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **CHANDRAKALA**, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) PREETHI GEORGE JOHN ALEXANDER Residing at No.73/4, 2nd floor, Sri Sai Gardens, TC Palya Main road, opposite Bhrama wines, K.R.Puram, Krishnarajapuram, Bengaluru-560036, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) PREETHI GEORGE JOHN ALEXANDER** to **(NEW NAME) PREETHI JOHN LESLIE** vide affidavit dated 20.12.2023 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAVITHA, is legally wedded spouse of No.2792857K, Rank: Ex-HAV Name: **KUMAR D**, presently residing at 11/9, 1st Floor, Nandavanam B Street, Juggubayi, Halasuru, Bengaluru 560008 have changed my name from **SAVITHA** to **J. SAVITHA** and my DOB is 11th October 1981 vide Affidavit dated 19.12.2023 sworn before advocate and notary Meer Hassan Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SANDHYA G. Spouse of NO. 15322481H HAV SANTHOSH KUMAR GOPARAJU, Residing at House No-4-3-81, Chengicherla (Vill), Boduppal (Post), Ghatkesar (Tehsil), Meduchal (Dist), TELANGANA (State), PIN: 500092, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) SANDHYA RANI GOPARAJU**, Vide Affidavit Dated 19.12.2023 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PASALA ROOPALATHA DINAKAR W/o Dinakar Muniswamy, aged about 44 years, residing at no.40/1A 3rd cross, Thyagarajanagar, Bangalore-560028, Karnataka have changed my name from **Pasala Roopalatha** to **Pasala Roopalatha Dinakar** vide affidavit dated 20/12/2023 before notary **Anitha Bai**, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PRITHAM RAGHUNATH RAO, S/o. Mohan Raghunath Kalyanpur, aged about 21 years, residing at No. 8, Valbhava Lakshmi, Shivaganga Nagar, Near Chethana School, Batavadi, Tumkur Pin-572013, Today at Bangalore, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRITHAM RAGHUNATH** to **PRITHAM RAGHUNATH RAO**, vide affidavit dated 20.12.2023, sworn to before P Vijaya Kumar, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHAMEEM TAJ, Resident of # No. 1, Linnden Street, Behind Urdu School, Austin Town, Bengaluru - 560 047, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHAMEEM KHAN** to **SHAMEEM TAJ** vide affidavit dated 19.12.2023 sworn to before M. Rajendra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VASANTI PATIL, W/o Sudharshan H.S, aged about 45 years, R/at No. 3, Katthariappu Main Road, Opp. State Bank of Hyderabad, ITI Layout, Vidyaapeeta, BSK II Stage, Bangalore-560065, do hereby declare that in my passport, my surname is wrongly recorded as **HEBLIKAR** instead of **PATIL**, and my name is wrongly recorded as **VASANTI SUDHARSHAN** instead of **VASANTI PATIL**, vide affidavit dated 19.12.2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.N MADHU**, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

WE, PRATEEK VARSHNEY AND MEENAKSHI GUPTA, RESIDENT OF NO. 3024, 2ND FLOOR, PRESTIGE KEW GARDENS, YEMALUR, BENGALURU SOUTH, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA 560037, HAVE CHANGED THE NAME OF OUR MINOR DAUGHTER FROM **PRANAKSHI VARSHNEY** TO **KIMAYRA VARSHNEY**, VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED: 20.12.2023 SWORN BEFORE NOTARY MEER HASSAN, BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NIKHIL MOHAN, Aged about 22 years, S/o. Mohan Murali K S, residing at Secret Soil by Living hills, Villa No.43, Sy. No. 109/1A/2, Doddagubbi Road, Near VVIT college, Kothnur, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore 560077, have changed my name from **NIKHIL RAO** to **NIKHIL MOHAN** Affidavit dated 20.12.2023 sworn before advocate and notary public Y.R. Chandrasekar, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, V SELVARAJAN aged about 69 years S/o VENKATACHALAM. Residing at No. 9017, PRESTIGE ROYALE GARDENS, Avalahalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore- 560064, I declare that below mentioned all names belong to me, i.e., **SELVARAJAN, V. SELVARAJAN**, and **VENKATACHALAM SELVARAJAN** are one and the same person, in the future, all my correspondence shall be done and mentioned as **VENKATACHALAM SELVARAJAN**, vide affidavit dated 20/12/2023 sworn to before S.R. Ravikumar advocate and notary Bangalore.

A SHARADHAA

The way director Prashanth Neel has become a household name in the country, one might be surprised that he is just three films old. But since those three films are *Ugramm*, *KGF Chapter 1* and *KGF Chapter 2*, we understand the ascension. Prashanth, who is carefully and exponentially growing with every project, is now primed for the grand release of his biggest project yet, *Salaar: Part 1 - Ceasefire*.

Ahead of the film's release on December 22, we caught up with Prashanth to understand his expectations, his nerves, and of course, his promises to the audience who wait for every little update from his end about his stellar lineup. "Be it *Ugramm*, *KGF* and *Salaar*, each of these films is crafted with equal affection for the stories rather than just passion for filmmaking. I hope audiences relish it, and I can continue entertaining them."

Excerpts

There has been a constant, steady stream of opinions about *Salaar* since its inception. Comparisons with *Ugramm*'s plot, and *KGF*'s production design were prevalent too.

This perspective comes from how my first three movies shaped my filmmaking style. I understand people think the look, feel, world-building, and even the character portrayals, especially the villains, are similar. However, *Salaar* is definitely a departure. I'd go as far as to call *Salaar* the finest drama I've ever crafted. It's no secret that I've drawn from *Ugramm*, specifically its essence—not as a remake but as a retelling of that narrative.

So, why choose to narrate *Ugramm* again through *Salaar*?

I always envisioned audience watching *Ugramm* in a packed theatre. That vision was not fulfilled during its release (2014). I couldn't move forward without doing justice to that particular story, even though I had other tales in mind. *Ugramm* holds a special place in my heart. I wanted *Ugramm* to reach the heights of *KGF* too. Of course, I don't see it as a remake. I've made significant changes to suit Prabhas and Prithviraj Sukumaran. Some might criticise my idea of mixing *Ugramm*'s story and *KGF*'s style of making in *Salaar*, but I see it as a compliment because both mov-

ies are my creations. I built those worlds and all the characters within them.

Were there other factors that made you choose to remount *Ugramm* in this scale?

Back in 2014, when I made *Ugramm*, the pan-Indian concept wasn't yet prevalent. *Ugramm* faced piracy within 15 days of release, with many resorting to seeing the film on their electronic devices. They didn't experience the film on the big screen. *KGF* opened new avenues for pan-Indian movies, and I realised I shouldn't let my best stories languish on YouTube. I believe no one else would have approached *Ugramm* the way I did. Scaling up *Ugramm* to create *Salaar* was solely about enhancing storytelling.

Was there a fulfillment?

Nobody wants to stick with one subject for such a long time. It's either been *Ugramm* or *KGF* for me since the beginning of my career, and I didn't want to be confined to that. I understand people will compare *Salaar* to *Ugramm*. Those who aren't fond of me will always believe the original was better. People who've seen the original might not appreciate a different version, and that's understandable. Looking back now, I'm very content with the film and the actors I chose for the various characters.

How did the collaboration for *Salaar* unfold with Prabhas?

Prabhas had watched *KGF Chapter 1*. Producer Vijay Kirangandur and distributor Anil Thadani initiated the collaboration with Prabhas. I had expressed to Vijay Sir my desire to retell the story of *Ugramm*, and when he inquired about potential actors, I mentioned someone who could grasp the vastness of the subject. Although the story wasn't fully developed then, I had shared about 10 lines with Prabhas, and he admired the character. He appreciated the sacrifice and the essence of friendship in the narrative. Immediately, he suggested that we needed someone of significant stature for the friend's role, which led to the inclusion of Prithviraj Sukumaran.

***Salaar* has been certified 'A' for the violence...**

Honestly, I was initially disappointed. I sat quietly in front of the censor officer, contemplating the argument to present. Later, I realised that the drama and emotion escalated to a level where such violence emerged. It was

'SALAAR MARKS MY FINEST DRAMA YET'

something I designed, and that was what was required. There isn't senseless violence. We placed the violence where it was necessary, and not just because it was a mass film.

But it is the human emotions that drive the violence in all your films...

Whether you're making a film on Mars or in Khansar, those human values, when conveyed correctly and executed with drama, always resonate. Yes, along with violence too. I'm not capable of portraying a family drama in any other way. I've been at-



In this discussion, Prashanth Neel delves deeply into *Salaar: Part 1 - Ceasefire* produced by Vijay Kiragandur's Hombale films, addressing criticism, the film's grandeur, the stars, the technicians, and more

tracted to that kind of cinema since childhood. However, I just can't depict violence just for the sake of it. It doesn't work either.

There are speculations that Yash is part of *Salaar*...

I am not creating a multiverse. If I were, wouldn't that be the catchphrase to attract more audience? Why would I keep it a secret? I know many people won't believe me until they watch the film. No part of *KGF* is in *Salaar*. There are a few technicians, a couple of actors, and of course, I am part of both *Salaar* and *KGF*. Let me be clear, Rocky is not part of *Salaar*.

You have stuck to your *KGF* cinematographer Bhuvan Gowda and composer Ravi Basrur in *Salaar* too...

Just because we had something in *KGF*, it doesn't mean we'll replicate it in *Salaar*. Ravi Basrur is probably one of the best judges of the movie's tempo and is always my first critic after I edit my film. We consider the scene and the film's essence, and he asks for some time before coming up with a piece. For instance, there is a tribal setup in *Salaar* and he has devised something special to reflect that world. Bhuvan too is someone who wants to do something different every single time. He understood that *Salaar* would be darker than *KGF*. I think *Salaar* is Bhuvan Gowda's best work.

Another pivotal aspect of your films is the efforts in the editing...

What we did before doesn't matter at all. Every film has its edit pattern. Everything must align with the film. I want to completely immerse you in the world of *Salaar*, and to achieve that, I need every aspect of the craft to synchronise.

The unexpected combination of Prabhas and Prithviraj is getting the right kind of hype...

I believe it was a casting match made in heaven. I was ecstatic when Prithvi Sir agreed to star in *Salaar*. Being a superstar himself, it's a very challenging role for him. Even though Prithviraj isn't playing second fiddle and has an equal part, I felt that if Prithviraj were not a director, he might not have accepted this. He believed in the story and lent his support to *Salaar*.

Has *Salaar 2* gone on floors?

Salaar 2 will be made after the result of *Salaar 1*. We can't take the result for granted. I am nervous as hell while having this conversation. *Salaar 2* has to revolve around those two characters, Vardha and Deva, and I genuinely hope people will support the first one, permitting me to create part 2.

Can you provide some insight into NTR31?

I don't want to answer that now. I am making a film with NTR. However, predicting the timeline is uncertain. Currently, he is engaged in a film and has also signed a Hindi project. Therefore, I need to assess

the situation carefully. My immediate focus is to release *Salaar*, followed by a break.

Fans of Prashanth Neel want to know if a return to Kannada or an entry into Hindi cinema is next on cards...

I have no intention of defining myself in that way. Whatever I do, I'll do it on my terms, not based on someone else's definition of the industry. I've been self-focused since *Ugramm* came out. Back then, as a young director, I wanted to do something for the industry, but I realised it didn't work that way. I want to work for myself. Regardless of where films take me, I want to do it for myself. *KGF*'s ambition was not mine. It came from Yash and Vijay's Hombale Films.

You have written Sriimurali's *Bagheera*. Do we expect more such Kannada stories from you in the future?

The point is not about Kannada or Telugu. I am deeply rooted in Kannada. But, I'm not obligated. Just because I make a Kannada movie, I don't become the best Kannadiga. The Kannada film industry is a small part of Kannada itself. There are various other ways to represent Kannada, right?

Regarding the recent teaser of *Bagheera*, is there anything specific you'd like to highlight or share?

Yes, I watched it. It's particularly impressive. I wrote the initial line of *Bagheera*, but everything else is the work of Dr Suri. He's returned after a decade and is completely in sync with modern cinema. The world needs to realise why Hollywood has been successful for over a century. It's because the director isn't necessarily the writer of the film. The director's vision shapes the film. I've always maintained that it's not just the story; it's how you tell it. That's what cinema is, and that's what Dr Suri is doing—expressing his vision.

Finally... will there be a Prashanth Neel film revolving around love, and lighter themes?

Salaar marks my fourth love story. Isn't love for mother in *KGF* a kind of love? Or love for your friend in *Salaar*? It might seem like I have a penchant for violence, but no one would watch a two-and-a-half-hour *KGF* filled only with violence. It's not a showreel; it's an emotion. The same principle will apply to *Salaar*.

AFTER KAATERA, I'M SURE THARUN WILL GO TO THE NEXT LEVEL: JAGAPATHI BABU



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Multilingual actor Jagapathi Babu is currently juggling various industries and eagerly anticipating the release of his films in multiple languages. With *Salaar* set for release this week and *Guntur Karam* alongside Mahesh Babu in January, he's looking ahead to *Kaatera* in Kannada, which will be released on December 29. In between all these films, he also has a Hindi film coming out in February. Despite his busy schedule, he humorously refers to himself as a 'Poor Rich' man due to substantial time lost during film delays. "I have big films, but they don't release on time, so most of them are unpaid holidays. I've lost 300 days due to postponements, and that's why I call myself a 'Poor Rich' man," he chuckles.

Kaatera marks his third Kannada film after *Bachchan and Robert*, and it's his second collaboration with actor Darshan and Tharun Kishore Sudhir. Jagapathi Babu prefers to talk more about the film and less about his role. "I am confident about the film. It will face all

the challenges and perform well. Tharun's style has always impressed me, and he has taken it to the next level. After *Kaatera*, I'm sure Tharun will rise higher," he remarks. He appreciates the enjoyable experience of working with Darshan in two films and praises Darshan's genuine nature along with Tharun's talent and honesty.

Describing *Kaatera* as a film rooted in village life and realistic subjects, Jagapathi Babu, who understands the Kannada audience, notes, "Kannada audiences see films as films and stars as real stars. They are still very adoring. This film is 100 per cent native, packed with all the impactful elements. Based on the rushes, fights, sequences, and what I've seen, it's sure to connect."

The actor will be seen as an antagonist, portraying Devaraya in *Kaatera*. "I often wonder why filmmakers consider me for villainous roles only. I've portrayed positive characters as well. But I have been labeled as a good antagonist, and it's something I don't tire to approve of. Nonetheless, acting is a fantastic domain, and I want to continue being a part of it," he says.

I'm still sought after for dynamic characters: Vinod Alva

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Vinod Alva, known primarily for his work in Kannada and Telugu films, gained popularity portraying police officers and often delving into patriotic themes. "There comes a lull for actors," Vinod reflects, adding, "The directors I worked with phased out, making room for a new generation. I'm not one to chase roles; I take what comes my way. These days, connections matter; if you're linked to certain actors or filmmakers, roles might follow. But I find contentment in smaller-budget films. I've learned that an occasional hit film is crucial for production houses to notice you."

Returning to Kannada with *Kaatera*, Vinod remarks, "I was specifically chosen for a role (Kale Gowda)

that suited me well. It was producer Rockline Venkatesh and director Tharun Sudhir's decision, which I readily accepted. Even my colleague Jagapathi Babu is part of the film."

Praising director Tharun, Alva mentions, "He's an excellent director, and his way of script handling, and the realistic subject appealed to me, along with the chance to collaborate with a major production house like Rockline Entertainment."

Working with Darshan for the first time, Vinod expresses admiration, "He's an amazing—energetic, clear-sighted, and respectful. I did see a few negative social media posts about him, which I found to be baseless. He treats every artist, even the juniors, with utmost respect."

Reflecting on his journey in the industry and adapting to its shifts, Alva shares, "I believe in going with the times. I've played the lead in over 120 films, with about 70 doing well and 20 running for a hundred days. Although I can't expect hero-centric roles anymore, I'm still sought after for dynamic characters."

Now part of a Kannada film directed by Nandish, which is under production, Vinod eagerly anticipates better roles. "Post *Kaatera*, I'm looking forward to better opportunities," he concludes.



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New Horizon College of Engineering Hosts Smart India Hackathon 2023



Smart India Hackathon (SIH-2023) 'Senior' Grand Finale was held at New Horizon College of Engineering, the SIH-2023 Nodal Center recently for the participating teams of various Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) of India.

New Horizon College of Engineering was selected as one of the nodal center to facilitate the Smart India Hackathon Software edition. A total of 33 teams having 192 participants competed against 5 Problem Statements from two organisations. New Horizon College of Engineering hosted the problem statements given by MathWorks & Ministry of Education. Each Problem statement had a winning amount of Rs 1 lakh.

The programme was centrally inaugurated by the Ministry of Education on 19 December, 2023. On the second day, 20th December, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually interacted with the participating students.

Smart India Hackathon (SIH) is a nationwide initiative by Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell to provide students a platform to solve the

pressing problems of the government, ministries, departments, industries and other organisations. SIH has been acclaimed as the world's biggest open innovation model and it inculcates the culture of product innovation and problem-solving among students. SIH is conducted every year since 2017 in two formats i.e. SIH Software and SIH Hardware Editions for higher education students. Last year in 2022, Smart India Hackathon - Junior was also introduced for school students to build a culture of innovation and problem-solving attitude at the school level.

The scope of the Smart India Hackathon has been widening with every passing year since its launch in 2017.

The increased enthusiasm among participating students and problem statement provider organisations could be seen in their growing participation over the years. Every year SIH is impacting lakhs of students and provides them a national platform to test their educational learnings in real-world problem-solving. It also aligns their interest toward innovation and entrepreneurship.